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Firefighters to face random drug tests

New Britain, fire union agree to new policy after firefighter death, reports of drug use

By Don Stacom Hartford Courant

New Britain and its fire union have reached a deal for random drug testing nearly six months after the drug-related death of an off-duty 36-year-old firefighter led to revelations of drug use in multiple city firehouses.

The union ratified the agreement Friday night, and the city will start random testing within its nearly 130-member department in August.

"Unfortunately it took some

really horrible events to get us to this point, but it's time to start moving forward," Mayor Erin Stewart said Monday afternoon.

The fire department was rocked Jan. 26 when Firefighter Matthew Dizney, the father of two young children, was found dead at his Southington home. New Britain officials described it as an apparent overdose, and Southington police have been investigating since then.

The state medical examiner's office recently completed toxicology tests and reported that Dizney had multiple drugs in his system at the time. Its report listed his cause of death as heart disease but noted "acute intoxication" with the presence in his system of fentanyl, the veterinary tranquilizer Xylazine and the sedative Zolpidem.

An internal investigation in the

late winter and spring led the city to fire Lt. Michael Yagmin and suspend seven senior firefighters, including several lieutenants who are supervisors, for 30 days each. Stewart described them as a loose clique of fire department veterans who used drugs illegally, with some admitting to being under the influence while at work. Adderall

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Derrick Bedward, 60, has been growing vegetables at the KNOX gardens in Hartford to sell at his market stall at Frog Hollow Farmers Market. Bedward has been a vegan for more than 30 years and grows vegetables that are also suited to his native Jamacia. **POUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Farmers markets: A day in Connecticut

Pigs, library buses, Israeli cuisine, face-painting, produce and more



Katie Sullivan, left, of Fun-E-Faces, paints Kendall Salemi, 6, of Wethersfield, at the Wethersfield Farmers Market on June 30. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

By Lori Riley and Susan Dunne Hartford Courant

ny day of the week in Connecticut, in one of the 169 towns in the state, there is likely to be a farmers market.

It might be big, sprawling and cornivel like like the spectacle that is

and carnival-like, like the spectacle that is the Sunday market at Nathan Hale Homestead in Coventry, or like the music-filled Saturday morning gatherings, a social hub for people and dogs, in Arbor Park in Ellington.

Or it might be small, with only a few of the ubiquitous white tents, like the Wednesday market in Old Saybrook in a parking lot off Main Street, and Friday afternoons in East Hartford in front of the library.

We visited a farmers market each day of the week in Connecticut and talked to people who made soap, people who

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Latest variant can evade immunity

Doctors warn BA.5 very infectious, but shots, masks still help

By Ed Stannard Hartford Courant

The latest version of the coronavirus, known as BA.5, is close to becoming the dominant strain in the United States — it already is overseas — and booster shots may not offer much protection, according to infection disease experts.

BA.5, and its relative, BA.4, are subvariants of omicron and there is some good news. People who came down with the omicron version of COVID-19 may have some protection, at least for a while, according to Dr. Scott Roberts, associate director of infectious diseases at Yale New Haven Health.

"Definitely they would have more immunity against BA.5 compared with delta or alpha or the original infection," he said. Most of those variants have faded away, however, taken over by the highly infectious omicron.

"It is very infectious and it also has the possibility to evade immunity," said Dr. Ulysses Wu, assistant director of infectious diseases at Hartford HealthCare.

"Reinfections are going to be common," Wu said. "After four weeks, they could get reinfected. ... If you've had a previous variant, you are likely not to be immune" to BA.5, he said.

Roberts said people who came down with COVID over the holidays easily could be reinfected, because BA.5 has mutated so that previous antibodies won't be able to fight it.

"I suspect at some point BA.5 will be the vast majority of the variants in our country," Roberts said. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the subvariant accounted for 46% of new cases as of July 2.

Roberts said Connecticut appears to have plateaued lately, "but I would expect cases to go up in the next few weeks."

According to the CDC, Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex and New Haven counties are at

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More Metro-North express trains added to New Haven line

The state added six new trains on the New Haven Metro-North Commuter line starting Monday, along with seven new weekday trains on the Waterbury branch, Gov. Ned Lamont announced.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Russian rocket strikes target towns in east

Putin decree offers fast-track citizenship to all Ukrainians

By Matthew Mpoke Bigg and Carlotta Gall The New York Times

Russian strikes killed at least eight people in eastern Ukraine in 24 hours and the death toll from an apartment complex hit by Russian rockets grew as well, local officials said Monday, a chilling reminder of the devastation Russia has inflicted on civilians, even as its military pauses its drive to seize Ukrainian territory.

While the Russian military regroups and resupplies, its attacks on civilian targets and morale have intensified in recent days. In one town after another in eastern Ukraine, a hail of seemingly random Russian strikes, delivered by warplanes, artillery and missiles, has killed, maimed and terrified residents.

In the eastern town of Chasiv Yar, emergency crews were still finding bodies Monday from a single attack over the weekend. A missile strike hit an apartment complex late Saturday, and the death toll rose to 30 people, the Ukrainian State Emergency Service said. Nine people had been pulled from the rubble and rescued it said.

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In Moscow on Monday, the
Kremlin signaled it might be seek-

ing to establish permanent control

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Firefighters douse a blaze in a house after a missile attack Monday in a residential area of Kharkiv. **SERGEY BOBOK/GETTY-AFP**

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Officials recover body in pond at Cheshire's Mixville Park

By Taylor Hartz Hartford Courant

Rescue crews found a body in the pond where a teenage boy was last seen swimming at Mixville Park in Cheshire, police said on Monday afternoon

The Cheshire Police Department did not identify the body.

Police and fire department officials responded to Mixville Park around 4:18 p.m. Sunday for a report that a teenager, reported to be 18 years old, was missing. According to the police, the teenager was last seen swimming in the pond in the park on Sunday afternoon. According to multiple media reports, the teen was visiting family from Ecuador and was not a strong swimmer, police said.

Cheshire Fire Department personnel

started searching the surface of the pond using fire department boats, police said. The Cheshire Police Department conducted a search of the surrounding land areas, including the building within Mixville Park. Members of the Region #5 Dive Team responded to the scene to assist with the

The search continued until approximately 9 p.m. Sunday when it was suspended,

Mixville Park was closed after the incident on Sunday and Monday. Teams resumed the search in the pond around 8 a.m. on Monday, and a summer day camp was moved to another park for the day.

The Connecticut Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will conduct an autopsy to identify the body and determine the cause of death, police said.

Ex-Conn. governor gets contract for another year at U Maine System

Associated Press

BELFAST, Maine — The University of Maine System chancellor who came under

criticism for his handling of staffing and restructuring will keep his job for another year.

Trustees voted unanimously Monday to extend the contract for Chancellor Dannel Malloy despite recent votes of no confidence from faculty at three of the system's seven campuses.

Hard feelings caused by the Malloy former two-term Connecticut governor came to a head with a botched hiring of a president for the Augusta campus.

Malloy declined to tell the search committee about previous no-confidence votes before the hiring of Michael Laliberte at

the University of Maine at Augusta. Laliberte withdrew amid the controversy, but the system is on the hook for paying him up to \$705,000 over three years.

The vote by trustees Monday at the University of Maine Hutchinson Center in Belfast came after several faculty members called for Malloy's firing.

Malloy was hired to make some unpopular changes, including implementing a single systemwide accreditation for all campuses. Faculty members expressed worry that the changes were a pretext for

consolidation and program cuts. His contract as chancellor expired on June 1, but there was a temporary extension to allow the full board to vote at its regular meeting.

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was a drug inside the group, and there was evidence of less frequent heroin and marijuana use, Stewart said.

To keep their jobs, all seven acknowledged violating the city's code of conduct. They were demoted to private and were put on three-year probation periods, when they cannot seek promotion. The seven also agreed to drug counseling or rehabilitation, officials said. And, as part of their "last chance" agreements, they also signed off on accepting random drug testing at any time during that probation.

The city accused Yagmin of supplying Dizney with drugs. New Britain police concluded there wasn't enough evidence to charge him criminally, but Stewart said he lied at an administrative hearing and fired him on that basis.

You were knowingly supplying, giving, selling, sharing and using illegal drugs and your prescription Adderall pills with a private in the fire department" and delivered drugs to Dizney while he was on duty, according to Stewart's letter of termination to Yagmin.

Yagmin, who denied wrongdoing, is appealing to the state labor board on July 28 to get

While the investigation went on, the city stepped up long-delayed negotiations with the fire union to establish random drug testing.

On Friday, the union agreed to a policy that allows the city to randomly test up to 45 firefighters a year. It also requires training for the entire department on "reasonable suspicion" reports; firefighters will be expected to notify the city if they spot signs of drug or alcohol abuse in co-workers, subordinates or higher-ranking officers.

Ken Keough, president of the fire union, called the agreement reasonable and the result of cooperative work with the city.

"All parties worked together with the ultimate goals of creating a safer work environ-ment," Keough said. "Firefighters and their co-workers will be safer, the community will

Stewart said the union and city alike want the fire department functioning safely and

"This is part of changing the culture and the expectations we have of each other," she said. "The small percentage of the department that was involved doesn't represent the professionalism of the majority.

"What we're seeing is the newer people in the fire department saying 'We don't want to tolerate this because my life is at risk if I'm working with somebody under the influence or not at their best," she said.

"We're all ready to forge ahead. It's been a really rough six months, and everybody understands things are changing," she said.

Fire Chief Raul Ortiz, who was recruited from Hartford four years ago to command the department, noted that New Britain's fire

service never had random drug testing before. "This is really transformational — these are much-needed changes," Ortiz said.

The policy also strengthens protection for firefighters who become addicted to sleeping pills, tranquilizers, painkillers or similar drugs.

"If you have a need for help, this addresses that. We're not severing ties with people who need help," he said.

The seven suspended firefighters have all returned to duty and are productive, he said. In addition, the department recently promoted seven new lieutenants — including its first female lieutenants — in a move that shores up the supervisory ranks.

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of the Ukrainian territories now occupied by Moscow's forces: Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree that offered a simplified path to Russian citizenship for all Ukrainians.

Until recently, only residents of Ukraine's separatist eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions, as well as residents of the southern Zaporizhzhia and the Kherson regions, large parts of which are now under Russian control, were eligible to apply for the simplified passport procedure.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Klueba said Putin's signing of a passport decree, which also applies to stateless residents in Ukraine, was an example of his "predatory appetites."

"Russia is using the simplified procedure for issuing passports to tighten the noose around the necks of residents of the temporarily occupied territories of our state, forcing them to participate in the criminal activities of the occupying administrations and the Russian army of aggression," Ukraine's Foreign Ministry added in a statement.

Between 2019, when the procedure was introduced for the residents of Donetsk and Luhansk, and this year, more than 720,000 people living in the rebel-held areas in the two regions about 18% of the population — have received Russian passports.

The attacks have ramped up in particular in Donetsk, an eastern province increasingly in Moscow's crosshairs after Russian forces seized the last major city in neighboring Luhansk Province this month.

At least 10 cities and towns in Donetsk were hit, bringing the civilian death toll in the province to nearly 600 since Russia invaded Ukraine in February, according to the region's military governor, Pavlo Kyrylenko.

Russian forces have used a lull in their ground offensive to help recover, in line with Putin's order last week that some troops rest after the capture of Luhansk province, military analysts said Monday. But behind the front lines, the rain of devastation continues, and many residents expect that it is a mere overture to a renewed, all-out assault.

Ukrainian and Western analysts expect that Putin will order a new offensive to conquer the remaining Ukrainian-held territory in Donetsk, anchored by the cities of Sloviansk, Kramatorsk and Bakhmut – if not more.

About 9 miles from Chasiv Yar, in the city of Bakhmut, officials said that on Sunday, Russian troops had fired incendiary munitions, limited by international law and designed to set fires or cause burn injuries, in one neighborhood. Bakhmut, an important military stronghold for Ukraine, is less than 10 miles from Russian lines and a likely target for its planned advance through the eastern Donbas region. Neighbors frantically pulled garden hoses toward a burning house. They hurled buckets of water at the flames as the rafters and tiled roof of a house cracked and popped. "I worked 20 years down the mines and this is what I get," said a retired miner, Viktor, 67, watching and weeping.

In the north, at about 3:40 a.m. Monday, a Russian missile destroyed a school building in the Slobidske district of Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, although no one was hurt, Oleh Sinehubov, head of the Kharkiv regional administration, said on the Telegram messaging app. He said a six-story apartment building in the city was hit 20 minutes later. Emergency workers rescued an 86-year-old woman from the rubble.

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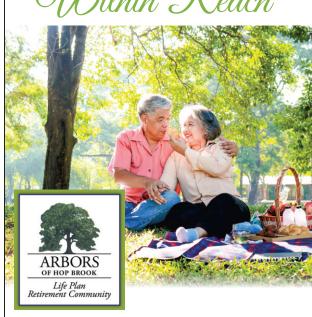
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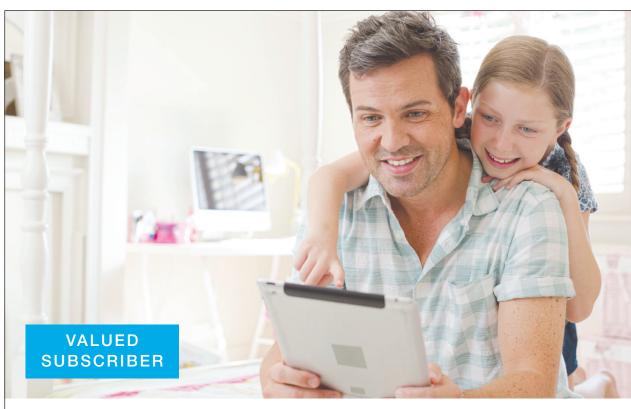
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Dem donors: Cheney's newest fans

Political courage cited as reason to back primary bid

By Kate Kelly and Maggie Haberman The New York Times

WASHINGTON — As one of the nation's biggest Democratic donors, film producer Jeffrey Katzenberg helped make Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton into Hollywood darlings. But this year, he is backing a surprise candidate: Rep. Liz Cheney, the staunchly conservative Wyoming Republican.

"We agree on little, if anything," Katzenberg said. "But she has done something that very, very few people in history have done, which is, she's put her country over party and politics to stand in defense of our Constitution."

He was referring to Cheney's leadership role on the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and her condemnation of former President Donald Trump, whom she has called "a domestic threat that we have never faced before."

To help Cheney bolster her chances in Wyoming's upcoming Republican primary — she is facing a Trump-backed opponent — Katzenberg and his wife have donated more than \$43,000 to her campaign and groups supporting her.

Katzenberg said his contributions went beyond that sum but declined to provide further details, saying only that he was talking up Cheney, the vice chair of the Jan. 6 committee, to "anybody and every-



Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., is facing a primary rival backed by former President Donald Trump. **KYLE GRILLOT/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

body that will listen to me, with any party affiliation."

Katzenberg is one of a number of Democrats and independents who are crossing ideological lines to support Cheney, who has become a pariah in her party for her break with Trump over Jan. 6 and her criticism of the House Republican leadership.

A supporter of Trump for almost the entirety of his term, Cheney — who opposes abortion rights, supports conservative judges and wants to expand mining and energy drilling even in environmentally sensitive areas — voted in line with him 93% of the time, according to FiveThirtyEight.

Most Democratic donors

are profoundly out of step with Cheney on those issues and others. But the Democrats supporting her say they have been impressed by her courage in opposing the former president — whom she voted to impeach after the Jan. 6 attack — and standing up for the peaceful transfer of power.

"Cheney is the most important politician in America right now," said Dmitri Mehlhorn, a political strategist who advises LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman, a major Democratic donor whom Mehlhorn said had quietly begun supporting Cheney.

Billionaire hedge fund manager Seth Klarman, an independent with liberal views on social policies who has given to Cheney's campaign in recent months, said in an email to potential donors that the congress-woman was "perhaps the strongest voice in the Republican Party speaking out about the importance of upholding the Constitution."

Cheney is one of very few politicians to whom Jane Fraser, a registered Democrat who is CEO of Citigroup, has given directly during this election cycle. A spokesperson for Fraser declined to comment. Citigroup was the first major bank to offer employees paid travel to receive abortion services this year.

Yet it will take more than money to salvage Cheney's precarious position in Wyoming, and the influx of

support from high-profile Democratic donors does not necessarily help her politically in her state.

Polling suggests that she came into the summer trailing Harriet Hageman, her rival in the Republican primary, which will be held Aug. 16.

Last month, Cheney's campaign sent mailers to registered Democrats with instructions on how to change parties before the primary — a move that would allow them to vote for her.

Cheney had previously said she would not take such a step, and it is unclear how successful the gambit will be in a state where the number of registered Republicans dwarfs that of Democrats.

Cheney, who was ousted last year from her leader-ship post as the No. 3 House Republican, may be looking beyond this race. She has refused to rule out a presidential campaign in 2024, during which she could use some of the funds that she has already raised.

Even as Cheney faces an uphill battle in her congressional race, the Jan. 6 hearings have given her a political lifeline — and, if she loses her primary, something to point to as an explanation for her defeat. A spokesperson for Cheney declined to comment on her crossover donors or her standing in the race.

Cheney's reelection campaign raised more than \$10 million through the end of March, substantially more than that of Hageman. Some of those donations came from veterans of Republican administrations such as Michael Chertoff, who was homeland secu-

rity secretary under President George W. Bush, and Theodore B. Olson, who was solicitor general for Bush and also worked for President Ronald Reagan.

dent Ronald Reagan.
Chertoff and Olson co-hosted a fundraiser this year for Cheney with Bobbie Kilberg, who was a White House aide under Presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and George H.W. Bush, at a Northern Virginia hotel.

But Democratic dollars have been trickling in to Cheney as well. Her criticism of fellow Republicans who went along with Trump's election lies and her questioning of witnesses such as former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson have further raised her national profile.

Klarman, who runs Baupost Group, a Bostonbased hedge fund, is holding a virtual reception for Cheney on Tuesday, the day that the Jan. 6 committee will hold its next hearing.

"I strongly support Congresswoman Cheney's bid for reelection, as we share a deep commitment to protecting American democracy and the rule of law," Klarman wrote in an emailed invitation to the event.

"I'm resolved to do everything possible to send a strong message by keeping her in Congress. We need to stand behind Liz and send a rebuke to the most extreme factions in the Republican Party."

In a statement, Klarman acknowledged his policy differences with Cheney, given his liberal-leaning views on abortion access, gun control and voting rights measures.

"If we don't save democracy, everything else goes to hell," he said.

Far-right Latinas emerging as a new political force

Women of Texas making their mark in state, Congress

By Jennifer Medina
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — For years, Texas Republicans tried to win the Hispanic vote using a Bush-era brand of compassionate conservatism. The idea was that a moderate's touch and softer rhetoric on immigration were key to making inroads with Hispanic voters, particularly in Democratic strongholds along the southern border.

Such was the Texas of old. The Trump age has given rise to a new brand of Texas Republicans, one of whom is already walking the halls of Congress: the far-right Latina.

Mayra Flores Rep. became the first Republican to represent the Rio Grande Valley in more than a century after she won a special election last month and flipped the congressional seat to red. She also became the first Latina Republican sent by Texas to Congress. Her abbreviated term lasts through the end of the year, and she is seen as a long shot to win reelection to a full one.

But what is most striking is Flores won by shunning moderates, embracing the far right and wearing her support for former President Donald Trump on her sleeve — more Marjorie Taylor Greene than Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Her campaign slogan

— "God, family, country"

— was meant to appeal to what she calls the "traditional values" of her majority-Hispanic district in the border city of Brownsville. She called for President Joe Biden's impeachment. She tweeted QAnon hashtags. And she called the Democratic Party the "greatest"

threat America faces."

Two other Latina Republicans, Monica De La Cruz in McAllen and Cassy Garcia in Laredo, are also on the ballot in congressional races along the Mexican border. All three — GOP officials have taken to calling them a "triple threat" — share rightwing views on immigration, the 2020 election and abortion, among other issues.

Flores, De La Cruz and Garcia grew up in the Rio Grande Valley, a working-class region at the southernmost tip of Texas where Hispanics make up 93% of the population.

93% of the population.
All three are bilingual;
Flores was born in Tamaulipas, Mexico, and the other
two in South Texas. Only De
La Cruz has been endorsed
by Trump, yet they all
remain outspoken advocates
for him, his movement and
his tough talk on restricting
immigration and building
the border wall.

The Rio Grande Valley has long been a politically liberal yet culturally conservative place. Church pews are packed on Sundays, American flags wave from their poles on front lawns and law enforcement is revered. Flores' husband is a Border Patrol agent, a note she often emphasized on the campaign trail.

In 2020, the valley's conservative culture started to exert a greater influence on its politics. Trump flipped rural Zapata County and narrowed the Democratic margin of victory in the four valley counties and in other border towns.

Flores, who was elected to serve the last six months of a retiring Democratic congressman's term, is running in November for a full term. She faces a popular Democratic incumbent who is switching districts, Rep. Vicente Gonzalez.

Democratic leaders are optimistic that Gonzalez will defeat Flores and that Garcia will lose her race against Rep. Henry Cuellar, a conservative Democrat who narrowly beat a progressive challenger in a primary runoff.

De La Cruz, however, is running in the most competitive House race in Texas and will face Michelle Vallejo, a progressive Democrat.

progressive Democrat.
Gonzalez, the Democratic congressman, nearly lost to De La Cruz two years ago when she challenged him in Texas' 15th Congressional District. He won by 6,588 votes. Now, he is challenging Flores in the 34th District.

"This was a profound message to the party," he said of Flores' victory. "It's really woken up the Democratic base. I've never had so many people volunteer for free in all my years."

To hear Flores tell it, her switch to the GOP was inevitable.

Early on, she said, she had voted Democratic, primarily because everyone she knew



Rep. Mayra Flores, R-Texas, stands with lawmakers and family June 22 at the U.S. Capitol. SHURAN HUANG/THE NEW YORK TIMES

did. The first time she cast a ballot for a Republican for president, she said, was for Mitt Romney in 2012.

After attending a GOP event for spouses of Border Patrol agents, Flores began to volunteer for the Hidalgo County Republican Party in McAllen. By 2020, she was organizing pro-Trump caravans through the Rio Grande Valley.

She was also posting tweets

using the hashtag #QAnon. When asked about QAnon, Flores denied ever having supported the conspiracy theory, which claims that a group of Satan-worshipping elites who run a child sex ring is trying to control the government and the media. Hashtags have long been considered social media shorthand for expressing support for a cause or an idea, but Flores insisted her intention was to express opposition to QAnon.

"It's just to reach more people so more people can see like, hey, this needs to stop," she said of using the QAnon hashtag. "This is only hurting our country."

Flores deleted the tweets about OAnon, but she did not refrain from expressing other right-wing views. After the 2020 election, she insisted on Twitter that Trump had won, writing in one post, "Ganamos y lo vamos a demostrar!" or "We won, and we will prove it!" Following the Jan. 6. 2021, assault on the U.S. Capitol, she retweeted a post falsely calling it a "setup" by antifa. She has called Biden "president in name only" and has demanded his impeach-

And as her own oath of office coincided with the hearings by the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack, Flores largely dismissed the proceedings.

"Honestly, my district doesn't care about that," she said of the hearings. "My district is struggling to pay their bills. That's what we're supposed to be focusing on." Like Flores, De La Cruz describes herself as a former Democrat who "walked away" from the party. She said she cast her first vote in a Republican primary for Trump in 2016. "I believe that the presi-

terrible things that we were doing to our country," De La Cruz said. After she narrowly lost her challenge to Gonzalez in 2020. De La Cruz suggested.

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After she narrowly lost her challenge to Gonzalez in 2020, De La Cruz suggested, without evidence, that she and Trump had been victims of voter fraud in the district.

Garcia, by contrast, said she has been a Republican her whole life. Raised conservative, she went to church three times a week and entered politics soon after college, working as the outreach director for Cruz in McAllen.

As a candidate, she has focused on religious liberty, school choice and abortion bans — issues on which she said the region's Hispanic voters were increasingly likeminded.

COVID-19

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medium level of infection, while Hartford, New London Tolland and Windham counties are low.

According to the state Department of Public Health, the test positivity rate was 9.97% and 11,054 people had died in the state to date as of Thursday.

Thursday.
Wu said drugs to treat
COVID are less effective
against BA.5, "but they still
work." Monoclonal antibodies are less effective than antiviral medications, he said, but
can still be given if antivirals
don't have an effect.

Both Wu and Roberts said cases appear less severe with BA.5. "We're seeing a lot of people getting infected or reinfected ... but I think we're not seeing the level of outcomes we saw with other variants, so we're not seeing hospitalization and death at high rates."

Roberts added, "There is a potential ... omicron-specific booster that's being made by Pfizer and Modern and should be available in the fall.

Meanwhile, Wu said people should get both boosters for Pfizer and Moderna. "Every booster helps at this point. The more shots the better off."

etter off." Roberts said while wearing a mask isn't necessary outdoors, "I would say in areas of high prevalence we should be masking in highrisk settings.

Those would include large indoor gathering, "or even indoors in general," such as in stores.

"Until we learn more about the variant ... I would recommend taking precaution by masking indoors," Roberts said.

On Monday, the Federal Emergency Management Agency announced it will send more than \$29 million to Connecticut to reimburse the state for the cost of providing testing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

andemic. The FEMA Public Assis-

tance grant to the state comptroller's office will reimburse it for contracting to provide 381,181 COVID-19 tests between April and June 2021,

according to the agency.

The vendors the state paid to test people for COVID included CIC Health, SEMA4 Genomics, Griffin Hospital in Derby, Minute Clinic/CVS, Quest Diagnostics, Yale New Haven Hospital, Bridgeport Hospital and Physician One Urgent Care Hospital.

The populations tested included high-risk residents, National Guard members, nursing home residents, inmates and state employees working at state facilities,

according to a statement.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the State of Connecticut with these costs," said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. "Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation."

In total, FEMA has given Connecticut more than \$452 million in Public Assistance grants as reimbursements for pandemic-related expenses, according to the agency.

FEMA also said it would send about \$6.8 million to the state to reimburse Yale New Haven Hospital for additional costs incurred during the pandemic.
The private.

The private, not-for-profit 1,541-bed teaching hospital with multiple campuses is a subsidiary of Yale New Haven Health Services Corporation, and will receive a total of \$6,786,208 in federal funding through FEMA's Public Assistance grant program to reimburse the hospital for the additional cost of operating between January 2020 and November 2021.

To learn more about the agency's COVID-19 response in Connecticut, visit https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4500.

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New gun law celebration diminished

Recent Highland Park mass shooting clouds over event

By Zeke Miller Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Joe Biden welcomed a crowd to the White House lawn Monday to showcase a new law meant to reduce gun violence, celebrating "real progress" after years of inaction. But he also lamented the country remains "awash in weapons of war" - with the 16-day-old law already overshadowed by yet another horrific mass shooting.

The bill, passed after recent gun rampages in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas, incrementally toughens requirements for young people buying guns, denies firearms to more domestic abusers and helps local authorities temporarily take weapons from people judged to be dangerous.

But the "celebration" Monday morning came a week after a gunman in Highland Park, Illinois, killed seven people at an Independence Day parade, a stark reminder of the limitations of the new law in addressing the American phenomenon of mass gun violence.

And it comes as Democratic governors have taken up the mantle of offering outrage in the face of gun

Biden hosted hundreds of guests on the South Lawn, including a bipartisan group of lawmakers who crafted and supported the legislation, state and local officials — including Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Highland Park



A man interrupts President Joe Biden during a ceremony marking enactment of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, the gun violence reduction legislation, Monday on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington. YURI GRIPAS/ABACA PRESS

Mayor Nancy Rotering and the families of victims of mass shootings and everyday gun violence.

"Because of your work, your advocacy, your courage, lives will be saved today and tomorrow because of this," Biden said.

"We will not save every life from the epidemic of gun violence," he added, "But if this law had been in place years ago, even this last year, lives would have been

Still, Biden said, "we're living in a country awash in

weapons of war." He repeated his call on Congress to pass a federal ban on assault weapons and high capacity ammunition magazines - or at minimum to require more stringent background checks and training before purchases.

He also said Congress should pass legislation to hold gun owners legally accountable if their weapons are improperly stored and are used to commit violence. He noted that he owns four shotguns and said he keeps them secured at his

"We can't just stand by," Biden said. "With rights come responsibilities. If you own a weapon, you have a responsibility to secure it and keep it under lock and

Biden on Saturday invited Americans to share with him via text — a new White House communications strategy — their stories of how they've been affected by gun violence, tweeting that "I'm hosting a celebration of the passage of the Safer Communities Act." He told some of their stories on Monday — of people traumatized by shootings and

kids left orphaned. The new law is the most impactful firearms-violence measure Congress has approved since enacting a now-expired assault weapons ban in 1993. Yet gun control advocates and even White House officials — say it's premature to declare victory.

"There's simply not much to celebrate here," said Igor Volsky, director of the private group Guns Down America.

"It's historic, but it's also the very bare minimum of what Congress should do." Volsky said. "And as we were reminded by the shooting on July 4, and there's so many other gun deaths that have occurred since then, the crisis of gun violence is just far more urgent."

Volsky's group, along with other advocacy groups, was holding a news conference Monday outside the White House calling on Biden

to create an office at the White House to address gun violence with a greater sense of urgency.

Biden has left gun control policy to his Domestic Policy Council, rather than establishing a dedicated office like the one he opened to address climate change or the gender policy council he started to promote reproductive health access.

"We have a president

who really hasn't met the moment, who has chosen to act as a bystander on this issue," Volsky said. "For some reason, the administration absolutely refuses to have a senior official who can drive this issue across government." During his remarks

Monday, Biden was heckled by Manuel Oliver, whose son Joaquin was killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

Biden briefly paused his speech and asked Oliver, who was shouting, to sit down, before adding "Let him talk, let him talk," as he was escorted out of the event.

The president signed the bipartisan gun bill into law on June 25, calling it "a historic achievement" at the time.

On Monday, Biden said the law's passage should be a call for further action.

"Will we match thoughts and prayers with action?" Biden asked. "I say yes. And that's what we're doing here

Most of the new law's \$13 billion in spending would be used for bolstering mental health programs and for schools, which have been targeted by shooters in Newtown, Connecticut, and Parkland.

Democrats plan to hold votes on abortion access

But bills unlikely to make it through divided Senate

By Annie Karni The New York Times

WASHINGTON Democrats in Congress, under pressure to take quick action in response to the Supreme Court's decision striking down abortion rights, are planning to hold votes this week on legislation that seeks to preserve access to abortions in the post-Roe v. Wade era.

The bills are all but certain to fail in the evenly divided Senate, where broad Republican opposition means they cannot muster the 60 votes to move forward.

But Democrats are pushing forward amid a groundswell of pressure from progressives in their ranks who were outraged by the Supreme Court ruling and irate that their leaders appeared to have no plan to respond.

In the immediate aftermath of last month's decision that overturned the nearly 50-year-old precedent that established abortion rights, as protesters gathered outside the Supreme Court demanding action, House Democrats

convened on the steps of the Capitol across the street, singing "God Bless America" to celebrate passage of a gun safety bill.

The gesture was widely derided by activists on the left, who denounced the lack of a cogent response from President Joe Biden or from Congress to a ruling that had been anticipated for weeks.

Democrats on Capitol Hill are now moving forward with a plan that is aimed at framing the issue for the midterm elections. Lacking the votes to force action. Democrats are using the debate to show voters where they stand and portray Republicans as out of step with a majority of Americans, who polls consistently show support abortion access.

The first measure, which Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., plans to bring to a vote this week, would protect the right to travel for abortion services. A second measure, a version of which passed the House last year, would explicitly give health care providers the right to provide abortion services and their patients the right to obtain them, invalidating a variety of restrictions that were enacted in the aftermath of Roe.

and failed in May to take up that legislation, the Women's Health Protection Act. But Republicans and one Democrat - Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia opposed it, blocking a debate and leaving the measure short of even the simple majority that it would need to clear Congress.

House Democrats also plan to bring up more legislation in the coming weeks that would protect the privacy of patients' health records, amid concern that law enforcement officials could try to use the data to track pregnancies and enforce abortion restrictions or bans.

Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., majority leader, said in a letter to colleagues that leadership would look into more legislative steps "to respond to the Dobbs v. Jackson decision and protect the rights, health and safety of Americans under a court determined to ignore precedent and eager to legislate."

On Friday, reacting to pressure to respond more forcefully to the Supreme Court decision, Biden also issued an executive order aimed at ensuring access to contraception and other women's health services.

ath of Roe. "A 10-year-old girl Senate Democrats tried shouldn't be forced to give



Demonstrators urge President Joe Biden to take more action to protect abortion rights at the federal level at a rally Saturday near the White House. SHURAN HUANG/THE NEW YORK TIMES

birth to a rapist's child," said Biden, who grew visibly angry and noted that the best thing Democrats could do to safeguard abortion rights was to "vote. Vote. Vote. Vote."

On Capitol Hill, Democrats plan to debate measures that would preserve as much access to abortion as possible.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Lizzie Fletcher, D-Texas, would prohibit any state from enacting or enforcing a law restricting travel to another state to obtain an

In Texas, which bans abortion after about six weeks of pregnancy, about 1,400 women are leaving each month seeking abortion care, Fletcher said. Planned Parenthood health centers in neighboring states have experienced a nearly 800% increase in patients seeking abortions since Texas instituted its ban, according to the organization.

"We are hearing legislators in our state already talking about preventing women from leaving the state to obtain abortions, and it's not just Texas," Fletcher said in an interview. "The idea that you can't leave the state to get reproductive health care in a state where it's legal makes this an essential place to start."

The Senate, however, remains the main blockade to any legislative efforts to codify Roe v. Wade into law. All but two of the chamber's Republicans oppose abortion rights, leaving little hope that any bill could move forward; with Manchin also opposed, passage would be all but impossible.

Unification Church tries to distance itself from Abe's assassination

By Yuri Kageyama Associated Press

TOKYO – The Unification Church acknowledged Monday that the mother of the man accused of assassinating former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is a member, but that an investigation is ongoing into media speculation that her donations may have angered her son and led to the killing.

Police have said the suspect, Tetsuya Yamagami, told investigators he wanted

to kill Abe because of his rumored connection to an organization he resented, which police did not identify. Japanese media reports said it was a religious group, and cited

large donations by Tanaka his mother and his anger over her subsequent bankruptcy as a possible

motive. Tomihiro Tanaka. head of the Unification Church's Japan branch, acknowledged at a news conference that the woman was a member, but declined to comment on the

was forced.

specifics of her donations, saying a police investigation is underway. Speaking in generalities, he confirmed some people had made generous donations, but emphasized none

The church is also known as the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, founded in South Korea by the late Sun Myung

Tanaka brushed off the media reports as speculation, stressing the motive was still unclear.

"Trying to understand how such hatred may have possibly led to the killing is totally perplexing," Tanaka

Abe was not a church member, but may have spoken at some events held by affiliated groups, Tanaka

"This is something that should never have happened, and I feel a deep outrage," Tanaka said of the assassination, bowing deeply. "My heart aches that Japan has lost a loved and respected leader."

Tanaka said Yamagami's mother joined the church in the late 1990s and has been participating in church events about once a month lately. There were years in between during which she did not come at all, he said.

Although the church has had scandals related to donations, compliance measures were set up in 2009, and there have not been any major troubles since then, Tanaka said.

"The amount of donations is up to each individual," he

Japanese media reports say Yamagami's mother declared bankruptcy in 2002, but Tanaka said records dating back 20 years couldn't be confirmed and that details were unknown.

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NEWS BRIEFING

US extends protection for Venezuelans for additional 18 months

From news services

SAN DIEGO — Hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans who fled their country's humanitarian crisis and are in the United States under temporary legal protection will be allowed to remain for another 18 months, the Biden administration announced Monday.

An estimated 343,000 Venezuelans already in the United States were given Temporary Protect Status, or TPS in March of 2021, allowing them the chance to legally live and work in the country for 18 months. Only they will be eligible for the extension that will run until March, 10,

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas called it "one of many ways the Biden administration is providing humanitarian support to Venezuelans at home and abroad, together with our regional partners. We will continue to work with our international partners to address the challenges of regional migration while ensuring our borders remain

Venezuela is mired in a deep political, social and economic crisis attributed to plummeting oil prices and two decades of mismanagement by socialist governments. Millions live in poverty amid high food prices, medication shortages, low wages and four-digit inflation. That has pushed about 5 million Venezuelans to flee in the past few years, mostly to neighboring South American countries, but many have settled in South Florida.

Many of those who immigrated to the U.S. have applied for asylum and their cases are still making their way through the courts.

Immigrants from more than a dozen countries have become eligible for the

program created in 1990 for people from nations stricken by civil strife or natural disasters. Short-term reprieves are often extended in increments of up to 18 months, leading many to describe it as anything but temporary.

About 200,000 El Salvadorans have had temporary status since 2001, after an earthquake hit the Central American country.

8 billion people: The United Nations said Monday it expects the world's population to reach 8 billion on Nov. 15, and it projects that India will replace China as the world's most populous nation

The report, released on World Population Day, said global population growth fell below 1% in 2020 and is growing at its slowest rate since 1950.

According to the latest U.N. projections, the world's population could grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and a peak of around 10.4 billion people during the 2080s. It is projected to remain at that level until 2100.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called 2022 a "milestone year" with "the birth of the Earth's eight billionth inhabitant."

The report put the population at 7.942 billion.

Abortion on ballot: Abortion rights are poised to come before Michigan voters in November after an abortion rights campaign turned in a record-breaking number of signatures Monday for a ballot initiative to the secretary of state's office.

The effort will further increase attention on Michigan's elections, where the battleground state's Democratic governor and attornev general have made abortion rights a centerpiece of their reelection campaigns.



A Bosnian Muslim woman, Bahta Aljic, mourns next to the coffin containing the remains of her husband Monday among 50 newly identified victims of the Srebrenica Genocide in Potocari. Thousands gathered in the eastern Bosnian town of Srebrenica to commemorate the 27th anniversary of Europe's only acknowledged genocide since World War II. ARMIN DURGUT/AP

The push to enshrine abortion rights in the state constitution comes weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and gave states the power to decide whether to ban the proce-

Michigan is among several states with a pre-Roe abortion law that was set to take effect if Roe was overturned. However, a judge issued an injunction that temporarily blocked it. The 1931 law would make abortion a felony in all cases, except when "necessary to preserve the life of such woman."

The 753,759 signatures turned in by the campaign was close to double the 425.059 needed and the most ever collected by a Michigan ballot initiative.

Running of the bulls: A tense fifth bull run at Pamplona's San Fermin Festival on Monday left three people gored, including one American, and three others with bruises, the Navarra regional government said.

It was the first run with gorings in the festival so far this year. There are three more daily runs before the festival ends Thursday.

The regional government said a 25-year-old runner from Sunrise, Florida, was gored in the calf in the bullring. The other two gored were Spaniards, one in the ring and one on the street. None was in serious condition.

Earlier festival organizers had said erroneously that the foreigner gored in the ring was Australian.

Western wildfires: California firefighters gained ground Monday in the battle against a wildfire that poses a threat to a grove of giant sequoias and a small community in Yosemite National Park.

The Washburn Fire on the western flank of the Sierra Nevada had scorched about 3.6 square miles but was 25% contained as of early afternoon, according to an incident update.

The fire was a threat to more than 500 mature sequoias in the park's Mariposa Grove and the nearby community of Wawona, which has been evacuated.

The area in the southern portion of Yosemite was closed to visitors but the rest of the national park remained

Mariposa Grove and Yosemite Valley have been protected since President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation in 1864.

Outbreak in Europe: The European Union said Monday it's "critical" that authorities in the 27-nation bloc consider giving second coronavirus booster shots to people between the ages of 60 and 79 years and other vulnerable people, as a new wave of the pandemic sweeps over the continent.

"With cases and hospitalizations rising again as we enter the summer period, I urge everybody to get vaccinated and boosted as quickly as possible. There is no time to lose," European Commissioner for Health and Food

Safety Stella Kyriakides said in a statement.

The European Center for Disease Prevention and Control and the European Medicines Agency said that the second boosters can be given at least four months after the first booster.

French vote fails: French lawmakers on Monday failed to pass a no-confidence motion requested by a leftist coalition to symbolically mark their opposition to President Emmanuel Macron's government and economic policies.
Although the vote failed, it

was a new slap for Macron's leadership.

It came as Macron's critics in parliament questioned his close relations with Uber and business lobbyists after an international media investigation revealed details of his conversations with Uber executives when Macron was France's finance minister.

Only 146 legislators approved the motion, far short of the 289 needed.



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Protests spark little effect in Cuba

People still detained, economy remains dire one year later

By Andrea Rodriguez Associated Press

HAVANA — A year after the largest protests in decades shook Cuba's single-party government, hundreds of people who participated are in prison and the economic and political factors that caused the demonstrations largely remain.

Streets and public squares filled with protesters on July 11 and 12, 2021, some answering social media appeals, others joining spontaneously to express frustration with shortages, long lines and a lack of political options.

Since then, a few things have changed.

The Communist Party government has made its most expansive — if still limited — opening in six decades to private enterprise, authorizing small and medium sized companies.

And the easing of the COVID-19 pandemic has allowed a gradual revival of the critical tourism industry.

But the overall economy remains dire, with long lines and rapidly rising prices for limited goods. That has fed a huge increase in migration, principally to the United States.

And the economy remains squeezed by U.S. sanctions. While U.S. President Joe Biden has eased some, such as allowing U.S. residents to send more money to Cuban relatives and processing some visas in Cuba, he has been slow to implement his campaign promises to turn back many of the other restrictions imposed by former President Donald Trump.

That commitment may have been further delayed by the Cuban government's crackdown on the protests, which soured the atmosphere for any seeming



Emilio Roman shows a photo of his son Yosney and daughter Mackyanis. Both were sentenced to 10 years for taking part in July 2021 protests in Cuba. Another daughter who was 17 when arrested was later released. **RAMON ESPINOSA/AP**

concessions from Washington

The protests changed everything, however, for the Roman family of Havana's La Guinera neighborhood.

Three of the family's members were arrested on July 12, 2021, and two remain imprisoned.

"They haven't committed a crime so serious that it warrants that punishment," said Emilio Roman, 51, whose 26-year-old son Yosney, a construction worker, and 24-year-old daughter Mackyanis, a housewife, were sentenced to 10 years in prison on sedition charges in March.

His youngest daughter, 18-year-old Emiyoslan, was given conditional release because she was a minor when arrested.

Three cousins were arrested as well — two of them now imprisoned for 10 years as well.

Officials haven't said how many people were arrested during the protests that occurred in dozens of places across the country, but an independent organization formed to track the cases, Justice 11J, has counted more than 1,400.

The national prosecutor's office said in June that courts had imposed 488 sentences on protesters, ranging up to 25 years in prison.

"The government has demonstrated its authoritarian nature," said Giselle Morfi, a Cuban attorney now based in Mexico who works with Cubalex, a legal aid group focused on human rights in Cuba. "The state criminalizes the exercise of fundamental rights that should be protected within any democratic society, such as freedom of expression, and it stigmatizes protest."

She said the crackdown is

meant to dissuade Cubans from any new wave of protests.

One who did call for more demonstrations — unsuccessfully — last November, playwright Yunior Garcia, wound up leaving the country.

Authorities insist those arrested are not political prisoners but people who have violated laws against public disorder, vandalism or sedition, often at the instigation of U.S.-based opposition groups using social media to attack the socialist state.

Following a massive inoculation campaign using vaccines developed in Cuba itself, authorities say they have seen no COVID-19 deaths in more than a month.

Hotels and air routes closed for more than a year have been reopening — something crucial for a country that depends heavily on foreign tourism for the hard currency needed to import food and other crucial goods.

Cuba recorded only 573,000 foreign visitors last year, down from 4.2 million in 2019.

But long lines remain for fuel and food and power outages are common following the pandemic-induced economic fall of 11% in 2020 and a weak 2% rebound in 2021.

"Those Cuban officials refuse to accept the three most simple economic keys to the crisis: breakfast, lunch and dinner," said Domingo Amuchastegui, a former Cuban diplomat. He argues that the opening to small private business is still too limited.

"The great lesson of China and Vietnam is being ignored," he said, referring to Communist-led nations

that have made much more sweeping openings to private enterprise.

Still, Cuba's Economy Ministry announced in mid-June that 3,980 small and medium sized private enterprises had been approved since September, creating 66,300 jobs.

The once-mighty sugar industry managed to produce only 480,000 metric tons in the most recent harvest, just over half of the planned output and not enough to meet foreign contracts.

But perhaps the hardest blow for most Cubans is the inflation that followed elimination of the country's old dual-currency system — a long-discussed reform that finally arrived in the midst of other crises.

While the newly unified peso officially trades at 24 to the dollar, prices on the street run at 100 to 1.

One of the most visible consequences of the economic crisis — and to a smaller extent the crackdown — is the sharp rise in emigration.

The U.S. Customs and Border Patrol recorded encountering some 140,000 Cubans at U.S. land borders from the start of the fiscal year in October through May — a figure exceeding even the dramatic Mariel exodus of 1980, when 125,000 Cubans reached the U.S.

And the U.S. Coast Guard has reported intercepting 2,464 Cuban migrants at sea — also a leap from recent years.

"There are ever fewer young people ready to make a life in the country," said Cuban-born lawyer and political analyst Luis Carlos Battista, who said the loss is economically damaging for a small nation with an aging population trying to cope with U.S. economic sanctions

"It easily could be that, that 1.5% of the Cuban population has left in just 10 months," he said.



Monday for the second day after it was stormed in Colombo, Sri Lanka. RAFIQ MAQBOOL/AP

Grandeur of presidential palace offends Sri Lankans

By Bharatha Mallawarachi Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Hundreds of Sri Lankans jostled Monday to use the vast array of exercise machines in the private gym of the presidential palace, lifting weights and running on treadmills inside a facility that was, until now, the exclusive domain of the country's beleaguered president

For many who had traveled on overcrowded trains and buses from outside the capital, Colombo, this was the first time they had laid eyes on a residence so grand.

The colonial-era structure was a staggering sight, with airy verandas, plush living rooms and spacious bedrooms, a garden swimming pool and neatly manicured lawns.

On Saturday, thousands of angry Sri Lankans descended on the residence in fury against President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who they blame for an unprecedented economic meltdown that has throttled the lives of the nation's 22 million people.

They turned over barriers and then swarmed the lawns to enter the palatial residence and occupy it.

Two days later, people continued to stream in, flocking to it like a tourist attraction, marveling at the paintings inside and lounging on the beds piled high with pillows.

Alawwa Ralage Piyasena, a 67-year-old farmer who arrived by bus from outside Colombo, was stunned by the president's gym.

"I never thought I would get an opportunity to see these things," he said, gesturing at the equipment while trying to hop onto a treadmill.

"Look at the pool and this gym. We can see how they enjoyed a life of luxury here while people struggled outside. Our families are suffering without food."

The weekend saw the most dramatic escalation yet of the monthslong protests against the country's worst economic crisis, with protesters not only forcing their way into the presidential palace but also storming the prime minister's official residence and setting fire to his private home.

The charged events led to both leaders agreeing to step down — Rajapaksa, who has not been seen publicly or heard from since, said he would leave office Wednesday.

Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said he would depart as soon as opposition parties agree on a unity government.

But protest leaders have

said they will not leave the official buildings until both actually resign.

For months, demonstrators have camped outside

Rajapaksa's office, demanding he quit for severely mismanaging the economy.

Many have accused him and his powerful, dynastic family, which has ruled

and his powerful, dynastic family, which has ruled Sri Lanka for nearly two decades, of corruption and policy blunders that tipped the island nation into crisis.

People's patience has

grown increasingly thin, with the crisis sparking shortages of fuel, medicine, food and cooking gas.

Authorities have temporarily shuttered schools.

rarily shuttered schools, while the country relies on aid from India and other nations as it tries to negotiate a bailout with the International Monetary Fund.

Drugmaker seeks FDA OK of over-counter birth control

By Matthew Perrone Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the first time, a pharmaceutical company has asked for permission to sell a birth control pill over the counter in the U.S.

HRA Pharma's application on Monday sets up a high-stakes decision for health regulators amid legal and political battles over women's reproductive health. The company says the timing was unrelated to the Supreme Court's recent decision overturning Roe v. Wade.

Wade.

Hormone-based pills have long been the most common form of birth control in the U.S., used by millions of women since the 1960s. They have always required a prescription, generally so health professionals can screen for conditions that raise the risk of rare, but dangerous, blood clots.

The French drugmaker's application compiles years of research intended to convince the Food and Drug Administration that women can safely screen themselves for those risks and use the pill effectively.

"For a product that has been available for the last 50 years, that has been used safely by millions of women, we thought it was time to make it more available," said Frederique Welgryn, HRA's chief strategy officer.

An FDA approval could come next year and would only apply to HRA's pill, which would be sold under its original brand name, Opill. The company acquired the decadesold drug from Pfizer in 2014, but it's not currently marketed in the U.S.

Reproductive rights advocates want to see other prescription contraceptives move over the counter and, eventually, for abortion pills to do the same.

That potential for a precedent-setting decision again



A one-month dosage of hormonal birth control pills is displayed in Sacramento, Calif. **RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP 2016**

places the FDA under an intense political spotlight.

Late last year, the agency was condemned by abortion opponents and praised by women's rights advocates when it loosened access to abortion pills. It faced political pressures in 2006 when it approved over-the-counter use of the emergency contraception pill Plan B. Many conservative groups stress they are only interested in curtailing abortion, and state bans often explicitly exclude contraception.

Even before Monday's announcement, Democratic lawmakers were calling on the FDA to swiftly consider any such requests.

"We urge FDA to review applications for over-the-counter birth control pills without delay and based solely on the data," said more than 50 members of the House's Pro-Choice Caucus in a March letter.

Many common medications have made the switch from behind the pharmacy counter. In each case, companies must show that consumers can understand the drug's labeling, evaluate its risks and use it safely and effectively without professional supervision. HRA spent seven years conducting the FDA-required studies, including a trial that followed 1,000 women taking its pill for six months.

Behind the company's efforts is a coalition of women's health researchers and advocates who have worked for nearly two decades to make contraceptives more accessible, especially to groups with less access to health care.

Birth control pills are available without a prescription across much of South America, Asia and Africa. Last year, Parisbased HRA won U.K. approval for the first birth control pill available there without a prescription.

Advocates were interested in HRA's drug because they say it's likely to raise fewer safety concerns.

The pill contains a single synthetic hormone, progestin, which prevents pregnancy by blocking sperm from the cervix.

Most birth control pills contain progestin plus estrogen, which can help make periods lighter and more regular. Progestin-only pills are generally recommended for women who can't take the more popular combination pills

due to health issues.

But estrogen accounts for most of the blood clot risk associated with oral contraceptives. FDA's labeling warns against their use in certain women already at risk for heart problems, such as those who smoke and are over 35.

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Market

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raise pigs in the woods, vegetable farmers, beef farmers, people who sell potato chips, people who make gourmet Israeli cuisine and people who sell Siamese fighting fish and bearded dragons.

This is who and what we found:

Monday

Of all the days of the week, Monday is the slowest for farmers markets. "I think it's because everybody's already done their shopping for the week," Derrick Bedward said.

Still, Bedward persists. On Mondays, he pitches a tent at KNOX in the Frog Hollow section of Hartford to sell his organic bok choy, chives, sage, basil, lettuce, peppers, scallions, mint and callaloo. This week, his was the only tent, shared with fellow farmer David Joseph.

"There used to be more people. They like going where crowds are, like Coventry, on busy days. But people here need what I sell. Let them go there. I will stay here," he said.

In his hometown of Clarendon, Jamaica, he grew up among the fresh produce. "It influenced me a lot. It gave me motivation to do agriculture," he said.

He studied urban agriculture at Capitol Community College and did fieldwork at KNOX. Today, he is among 300 gardeners who work in 21 KNOX gardens throughout the city.

Patrick Doyle, executive director of KNOX, said in its larger-scale farming program, 15 KNOX farmers grow for clients including the city's public schools. Bedward is an alumnus of that program.

Bedward's crops lean toward what he

Bedward's crops lean toward what he ate as a child. "You make rice and peas, you need scallions. You make oxtail, you need scallions. You make curry chicken, you need scallions," he said. He is especially proud of his callaloo. "People need it fresh, not in a can," he said.

Bedward also brings his greens to the city's Homestead market, at 255 Homestead Ave. on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Promise Zone market at 425 Woodland St. on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. What he doesn't sell he donates to city food pantries. "People should have access to clean,

healthy food," he said.

KNOX Frog Hollow Farmers Market is at 7:

KNOX Frog Hollow Farmers Market is at 75 Laurel St. in Hartford on Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. knoxhartford.org/farmersmarket.

Tuesday

The first thing you see — because you can't miss it — at Plainfield Farmers Market is the large blue school bus. The Plainfield market, which runs Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. in the parking lot of the Early Childhood Center, is on the smaller side, with maybe six vendors.

The bus is a mobile library sponsored by the Plainfield school system, filled with children's books and a steady stream of small customers on a late June afternoon.

"They come in, get a book. We like them to bring them back but there's not a checkout system or anything," said Myra Ambrogi, the family resource center coordinator at Plainfield Public Schools. "We get them back halfway through the school year. The books belong to the bus. We stock them through the school.

"Our former superintendent, this was his baby, something he really wanted."

"And," she added, "if we can get some young people to know where their food comes, that's even better."

The Plainfield market is small but the customers are loyal, said Amy Burroughs, who owns B-Z-B Farms in Canterbury with her husband Andrew.

"This is one of the oldest farmers markets in the northeast corner," Burroughs said. "It's been around since the '80s."

Burroughs, whose farm primarily raises beef, said she's at a market every day of the week and sometimes two in one day, in Putnam, Plainfield, Canterbury, Brooklyn, Lisbon, Killingly, Ashford and Voluntown.

"This is one of our more popular locations," she said. "We do have more vendors expected later in the season. We have a nice variety. Not everyone has a greenhouse so as produce comes in, people join us.

"Our customers are loyal. They come every week, so I know how many cows to butcher, [another vendor] knows how many tomatoes to bring, she knows what she's going to sell. Once the market is over for the season, my customers shop at my farm stand all winter. I know I can sustain. I find I sell more at the smaller ones."

Plainfield Farmers Market, Plainfield Early Childhood Center parking lot, 651 Norwich Road in Plainfield, Tuesdays 4 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Old Saybrook has two markets, one on Wednesdays and one on Saturday. There were only four tents and not a lot of foot traffic on the last Wednesday in June in the parking lot off Main Street. The Saturday market typically has more vendors and shoppers.

Tamara Berry of Groton is in her first year selling her handmade soap at Old Saybrook. It started as a hobby for her but then it got a little out of control.

"I'm a pretty artistic person," Berry said. "I used to do knitting and crocheting and painting. I thought, 'This could be a new medium for me.' Friends and family wanted to buy it.

"It got to the point where I was like, 'I can't use this much soap, but I want to make more soap.' We had stacks of soap everywhere. I could make 30 bars at a time. And I can't use 30 bars at a time."

Berry said it takes about two hours to make soap, depending on how intricate the designs are. She and her husband Hayden Burger, who helps her make the soap and sell it, wanted their business to be sustainable so they wrap their soap in tissue paper rather than plastic.

"We used to do plastic," she said. "The bags are paper. Sustainability is super super important to us. I don't want to create more



People explore the Coventry Farmers Market on July 3. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT



Tamara Berry, owner of BerryNiceCo soap company, at her stand at the Old Saybrook Farmers Market on June 29. **HARTFORD COURANT**



Farmer Darren Cugno, left, talks with customer Kateryna Herbert, of Glastonbury, at the Wethersfield Farmers Market on June 30. Cugno's Farm is a USDA Certified Organic small diversified family farm. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

waste for the sake of my products."

Old Saybrook Farmers Market, 210 Main St. in Old Saybrook, Wednesdays 3 to 6 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. oldsaybrookfarmersmarket.com.

Thursday

Darren Cugno is passionate about his pigs. Cugno, who owns and operates Cugno's Farm in Colchester, raises pigs in the woods on his farm. He has a stand at the Wethersfield Farmers Market on Thursday after-

The tables are filled with vegetables and the coolers with eggs and pork chops and bacon. "If you went and observed pigs in the wild,

"If you went and observed pigs in the wild, they live in the woods," Cugno said. "Everything we raise at our farm, we try to mimic nature. We put our chickens in the pasture, cows are on grass.

"Not only does it keep them healthy but [the pigs] find things in the woods, they forage, they constantly got their nose in the ground. It handles all of our manure management problems; we keep rotating them through the woods. We don't have to deal with cleaning out pigpens. The pigs don't smell. You go to most pig farms and you smell the farm before you see it. We're trying to work with nature."

Cugno, a first-generation farmer, has 29 pigs this year.
"The way most pigs are raised, it's literally

animal cruelty," he said. "If you look at the factory setups they do pigs in, they never see the light of day, they never stick their nose in the dirt, they live in a tiny little confined area.

"There's a big difference with our beef and the store bought beef — but the pork is a completely different product. You could take one of our pork chops and put it on the grill and put nothing but salt and pepper on it and it's out of this world."

Wethersfield Farmers Market, 220 Hartford Ave. in Wethersfield, Thursdays, 3 to 6 p.m. wfmarket.org.

Friday

East Hartford is a small farmers narkets.

Its regulars are two farmers, Unity Farm in Manchester and Wright's Orchard in Tolland.

But the market punches above its weight in the area of community wellness. Griffin Health has have set up tents statewide offering vaccinations since they became available, and come to this market often. "We'll keep doing it until the job is done," a nurse stated.

UConn Health offers breast cancer awareness and surveys about community health needs. East Hartford Black Caucus registers people to vote and offers community-building opportunities.

Laurence Burnsed, director of health and social services, who runs the market, said other organizations such as Community Renewal Team and town social services will come to offer services.

"The pandemic made us re-evaluate the opportunity we saw for our farmers market. We saw a need to make available to residents the broad scope of our support services," Burnsed said.

Still, people go to farmers markets for the food. Unity sells corn, tomatoes, squash, kale, Brussels sprouts, onions, savoy cabbage and hot peppers.

Wright's sells parsley, basil, squash, blueberries and lettuces including redleaf, buttercrunch and romaine.

Later in the season, she sells peaches, blackberries, nectarines and plums.

The market is popular with residents

The market is popular with residents of nearby senior housing, who walk there. "We have a loyal following," Joycelyn Wright said.

East Hartford Farmers Market is in front of Raymond Public Library at 840 Main St., on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 28. easthartfordct.gov/health/pages/easthartford-farmers-market.



Fresh vegetables from River Ridge Farm in Portland at the Coventry Farmers Market. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Saturday

Every week, Juston Archambault brings his daughter, Lyla, to the farmers market in Ellington, where they live. All around them are vendors of produce, meat, baked goods, ethnic food, ice cream, seafood, macarons. Archambault's Zion's Betta World stands out. He sells pretty colored betta fish — red, blue, orange, yellow — in glass bowls, filled with bright pebbles.

"We only sell the male fish. They have prettier fins. We like to educate people about the fish," Archambault said. "This is a hobby for me.... I wouldn't want to own a pet store — the overhead. I like the farmers market because you can meet people."

He and Lyla also sell bearded dragons, babies and fully grown. The babies pose like supermodels in a little aquarium.

Next door to their booth is Yalla Organic, an outdoor offshoot of Yalla Organic Hummus & Grill, the Fairfield Mediterranean restaurant. Idan Mitchell, the son of the Fairfield chef Ronen Yur, runs the farmers market booth.

"We're from Israel. This is authentic food," Mitchell said. "The idea is to create a healthy, delicious experience."

Mitchell said the farmers market outreach began in the early days of the pandemic, when a lot of people didn't want to eat indoors. Now he goes regularly to Ellington, Stonington, Fairfield and Old Greenwich markets. Diane Trueb is the volunteer who has run

the Ellington market since 2012. It was small then. Then she visited Coventry's market. "I was overwhelmed. I'm like, wait a minute, if they can do this, so can we," she said. Now, 40 vendors gather weekly.

The market has weekly themes — artists, pet adoption, etc. — and programs to teach kids to make healthy choices about nutrition. Kids' activities include the "Zucchini 500 Drag Race," a visit from "Dr. Bugman" and an "Edible Animals Contest."

Ellington Farmers Market, Arbor Park, 31 Arbor Way in Ellington, Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. ellingtonfarmersmarket.org.

Sunday

Paul Desrochers is the last original vendor from the first Coventry Farmers Market, which started near the Glass Museum on Route 44 in 2004, then expanded to Nathan Hale Homestead, where it has become a tourist attraction of sorts on Sunday mornings in the summer and early fall.

Desrochers owns 18th Century Purity Farms, two farms in Moosup and Plainfield. The Plainfield farm, Hall Homestead, has been in his wife's family since the late 1800s.

been in his wife's family since the late 1800s. His signature crop is heirloom apples, which he grows on the Moosup farm.

"I searched the country to find the varieties I wanted," said Desrochers, who is 76 and works on both farms every day from sunup to sundown when he's not at the Coventry or Stonington farmers markets. "When I started, I remember my grandfather's farm orchard, he had Greenings and Russets and Baldwins and I wanted them. I planted them and I said, 'Well, I'll probably never make a nickel on them but I don't care.' As it turns out, I probably do more with the heirlooms than I do with the more modern fruits.

"This market and Stonington, they have good curiosity."

Coventry has about 60 vendors, which sell everything from giant pretzels (the Hartford Baking Company) to Italian ice (Chet's Italian Ice) to mango habanero turkey sausage (Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm), as well as food trucks.

Coventry Farmers Market, Sundays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South St. in Coventry. Coventry Farmers Market at Hale Homestead

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Major gas pipeline starts shutdown amid concerns

German officials suspicious about Russia's intentions after scheduled work

By Geir Moulson

Associated Press

BERLIN — A major gas pipeline from Russia to Western Europe shut down for annual maintenance on Monday amid concern in Germany that Russia may not resume the flow of gas as scheduled.

The Nord Stream 1 pipeline runs under the Baltic Sea from Russia to Germany and is the latter's main source of Russian gas. Gas is usually sent onward to other countries as well. It is scheduled to be out of action until July 21 for routine work that the operator has said includes the "testing of mechanical elements and automation systems." The operator's data showed the gas flow dropping as planned on Monday morning.

German officials are suspicious about Russia's intentions, particularly after Russia's Gazprom last month reduced the gas flow through Nord Stream 1 by 60%. Gazprom cited technical problems involving a gas turbine powering a compressor station that partner Siemens Energy sent

to Canada for overhaul and couldn't be returned because of sanctions imposed over Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Canada said over the weekend that it would allow the part to be delivered to Germany, citing the "very significant hardship" that the German economy would suffer without a sufficient gas supply.

German politicians have dismissed Russia's technical explanation for last month's reduction in gas flows through Nord Stream 1, saying the decision was a political gambit to sow uncertainty and push up prices.

German Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck has said he suspects that Russia may cite "some little technical detail" as a reason not to resume gas deliveries through the pipeline after this month's maintenance.

"We have very varied signals from Russia," Klaus Mueller told ZDF television. "There are Kremlin spokespeople who say that, in combination with the Siemens turbine, they can deliver significantly more again; but there have also been very martial messages from the Kremlin."

On Sunday, Ukraine's energy and foreign ministries said in a joint statement that the return of Nord Stream 1 turbines "is adjusting the sanctions regime to the whims of Russia."

Germany and the rest of Europe are scrambling to fill gas storage in time for winter and reduce their dependence on Russian energy imports. Germany, which has Europe's biggest economy, has been getting about 35% of its gas to power industry and generate electricity from Russia.

Last month, Habeck activated the second phase of Germany's three-stage emergency plan for natural gas supplies, warning that Europe's biggest economy faced a "crisis" and storage targets for the winter were at risk.

French Economy and Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire said over the weekend that a complete halt to Russian gas supplies is a "credible possibility." He said France has to get in "battle mode" this summer to prepare for winter, when "we will have to make courageous choices" amid likely energy shortages.

London's Heathrow sorry about disruptions

Associated Press

LONDON — London's Heathrow Airport apologized Monday to passengers whose travels were disrupted by staff shortages and warned it may ask airlines to cut more flights from their summer schedules to reduce the strain if the chaos persists.

Heathrow, Britain's busiest airport, said service levels have been unacceptable at times in recent weeks, with long lines for security, delays helping passengers with reduced mobility, and luggage going missing or arriving late.

"We want to apologize to any passengers who have been affected by this," the airport said in a monthly traffic update.

Booming demand for summer travel after two years of COVID-19 travel restrictions have swamped airlines and airports in Europe, which have been left shorthanded after laying off many pilots, cabin crew, check-in staff, ground crew and baggage handlers.

At Heathrow, unclaimed luggage has piled up in arrivals because of a technical glitch in the baggage system.

Compounding the problem, Heathrow said the punctuality of arriving flights is "very low" because of delays at other airports and airspace congestion across Europe.

Heathrow said it started recruiting in

Heathrow said it started recruiting in November in anticipation of this summer's recovery in travel demand and expects security staffing will be back to pre-pandemic levels by the end of July. It also has reopened Terminal 4 to give passengers more space.

U.K. airlines have been slashing their summer flight schedules after authorities ordered them to ensure they can operate without disruption over the summer. British Airways has cut 11% of its flights between April and October to avoid canceling flights on the day of departure.



Pat Blevins fills the tank of his 2016 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck July 5 at a gas station near Toledo, Ohio. TOM KRISHER/AP

High gas prices have upside

With people spending less time behind the wheel, emissions of heat-trapping gas have fallen

By Seth Borenstein and Tom Krisher
Associated Press

As Congress and now the Supreme Court stymie the Biden administration's efforts to curb climate change, one thing the president doesn't want — sky-high gas prices — actually is nibbling away at emissions of heat-trapping gas.

Gas prices in much of the United States shot past the \$5 a gallon mark last month before a slight drop, and Americans have responded by driving a bit less, two sets of data show. June's gas sales were about 5% below pre-pandemic 2019 levels and 2.6% below a year ago, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Americans in April, the last month data was available, drove 6% fewer miles than the same month in 2019, according to transportation analyst Michael Sivak, a former University of Michigan professor and long-time tracker of driving and car-buying habits. That drop is tiny compared to the 40% plunge in driving miles in April 2020

as the pandemic kicked in.

Yet a 6% drop in driving roughly translates to only a 1% drop in overall U.S. carbon emissions, Sivak said. The U.S. climate goal is to cut carbon emissions in half by 2030 compared to 2005 levels.

"High fuel prices are a really difficult thing because they're a double-edged sword," said Samantha Gross, director of the energy security and climate initiative at the centrist Brookings Institution. "So prices that are high and expected to stay that way have more of a longer-term ability to cut demand and my guess is the administration wouldn't mind seeing that, but the problem is that people hate it."

High gas prices are "unequivocally" good for fighting climate change because people use less fossil fuel and emissions go down, but the poorest people, who don't have other options, also "suffer the most," said climate economist Solomon Hsiang, director of the Climate Impact Lab at the University of California, Berkeley.

Carbon emissions are causing harm, especially to future generations, but for decades cheap gas has meant "no one is paying for that harm," he said.

Now people are paying more when they hit the gas station and some are changing

their habits.

Richard Gowan, 56, of Brighton, Michigan, used to commute 26 miles to his Ann Arbor workplace twice per week in a 2021

Ford F-150 pickup.

Amid high gas prices, he's cut one-quar-

ter of the truck trips.

"That one doesn't come out of the driveway near as much as it used to," he said while pumping gas near work.

To save money, he has subbed a small Jeep Renegade SUV, which gets substantially better fuel economy than the 24 mpg he gets with the pickup.

He blamed President Joe Biden's policies

for the high gas prices.

Biden has frequently said he doesn't want high gas prices, attacked oil companies' multibillion-dollar profits, proposed new offshore oil and gas drilling despite campaign promises and pitched a gas tax holiday, which congressional leaders said

Asked whether conservation should play a greater role in adjusting to high prices, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said: "Americans are going to do what they feel is right for themselves and for their family. That's not something for us to make a judgment on."

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Frontier Airlines seeks vote delay

Frontier Airlines, facing likely defeat in its bid to merge with Spirit Airlines, is asking for another delay in a shareholder vote on the deal.

Frontier CEO Barry Biffle said in a letter made public Monday that his airline is "very far" from winning approval by Spirit shareholders, who are weighing a higher-priced buyout offer from JetBlue Airways.

A shareholder vote at Spirit, already postponed three times, is scheduled for Friday. Spirit's board has stood behind a February deal it struck with Frontier to join the two discount airlines.

The vote scheduled for last Friday was postponed the evening before, but Frontier and Spirit knew from proxy data how investors were voting.

German union calls for 8% raise

BERLIN — Germany's biggest industrial union said Monday it will seek an 8% wage increase for more than 3.8 million manufacturing workers in upcoming pay talks, a demand that is just above the country's current inflation rate.

The IG Metall union's demand comes as Chancellor Olaf Scholz seeks to find ways with unions and employers to address the impact of rising prices while preventing an inflationary spiral. Germany has Europe's biggest economy.

In Germany, wage deals are typically hammered out in negotiations between employers' organizations and unions that cover a whole industrial sector. IG Metall negotiates for workers in the auto and machinery industries among others.

Musk-Twitter dispute moves to the courts

By Lauren Hirsch and Kate Conger The New York Times

Now that Elon Musk has signaled his intent to walk away from his \$44 billion offer to buy Twitter, the fate of the influential social media network will be determined by what may be an epic court battle, involving months of expensive litigation and high-stakes negotiations by elite lawyers on both sides.

The question is whether Musk will be legally compelled to stick with his agreed-upon acquisition or be allowed to back out, possibly by paying a 10-figure penalty.

Most legal experts say Twitter has the upper hand, in part because Musk attached few strings to his agreement to buy the

company, and the company is determined to force the deal through. Mike Ringler, a partner at Skadden, Arps,

Slate, Meagher & Flom who is representing Musk, informed Twitter late Friday that his client was abandoning the takeover. Ringler argued in his letter that Twitter had violated the agreement with Musk by not providing detailed information about how it measures inauthentic accounts. He also said Musk did not believe the metrics that Twitter has publicly disclosed about how

many of its users were fake.

Twitter's board responded by saying it intended to consummate the acquisition and would sue Musk in a Delaware chan-

cery court to force him to do so.

At the heart of the dispute are the

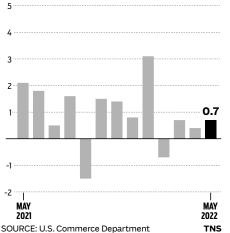
terms of the merger agreement that Musk reached with Twitter in April. His contract with Twitter allows him to break off his deal by paying a \$1 billion fee, but only under specific circumstances such as losing debt financing. The agreement also requires Twitter to provide data that Musk may require to complete the transaction.

Musk's cold feet about the Twitter deal coincided with a huge slide in the valuation of technology companies, including Tesla, the electric vehicle company he runs.

Twitter has refused to publicly detail how it detects and counts spam accounts because it uses private information, like users' phone numbers and other digital clues about their identities, to determine whether an account is inauthentic.

Manufacturing orders

New orders of durable goods, monthly percent change, seasonally adjusted



BUSINESS



Artisanal fisherfolk swim from an incoming boat on June 12 in Gazi Bay, Kenya. Several factors, including climate change, are affecting their livelihoods. BRIAN INGANGA/AP

Artisanal fisherfolk in Kenya fight for tuna and to survive

By Wanjohi Kabukuru Associated Press

VANGA, Kenya - "Tuna is not for everyone," lamented Chapoka Miongo, a 65-yearold handline fisher on Kenya's south coast, from his dugout canoe.

He's one of many artisanal fishers in Shimoni, a bustling coastal town 50 miles south of Mombasa, dotted with dhows, dugout boats, outrigger canoes and skiffs anchored on the beach landing site. Scores of fishmongers, processors and traders line the shoreline awaiting the fisherfolk to return.

"My canoe is only suitable for the near shore and only those with the big boats and money can access tuna," he

Miongo said warming waters due to climate change forced tuna species to alter migration patterns, making it harder for local fishers to catch them. Fish stocks have also decreased due to a lack of sustainable fishing by larger vessels.

The Shimoni channel, previously a well-known haunt for tuna, benefits from the north and south easterly monsoons that can lead to substantial catches, according to records kept by the Kenya Fisheries Service.

But the current monsoon has been unkind to Miongo. He can barely fill his bucket: his modest catch of the day includes a motley batch of emperor fish.

Yellowfin tuna in particular, which fetches competitive prices at the market, can feel like a "lucky break" for fisherfolk, explained 60-year-old prawn fisher Mazera Mgala.

After a seemingly futile five-day hunt, scouting fish landing sites in Gazi Bay, the Shimoni channel and Vanga seafront for the yellowfin tuna, one weighing 14 pounds was caught by an outrigger canoe fisherman at the Shimoni channel.

Miongo and Mgala are

among over 1,500 fisherfolk who rely on the rich marine waters of the channel. In Miongo's three decades of fishing, he says large foreign ships, more young men opting for artisanal fishing due to a lack of white-collar jobs and higher education opportunities, and a changlivelihoods.

Vanga fisherman Kassim Abdalla Zingizi added that most artisanal fisherfolk lack the skills, knowledge and financial support to compete with larger foreign vessels, mostly from Europe and Asia, which deploy satellite tracking technologies to trace the various tuna shoals all over the Indian Ocean.

The Kenyan government is implementing an economic strategy that will address the effects of climate change on the livelihoods of those on the coast, as well as boost skills among artisanal fisherfolk and promote more sustainable fishing practices, said Dennis Oigara from the Kenya Fisheries Service.

Subsidies for large fisheries — which have long been blamed for destructive fishing practices - have featured prominently at World Trade Organization talks for over a decade with no resolution. Earlier this year the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission was criticized for not implementing measures to protect several tuna species from overfishing at its annual

Retailers scale back hiring as worry grows about slowdown

By Anne D'Innocenzio and Haleluya Hadero Associated Presss

NEW YORK — After going on a frenzied hiring spree for a year and a half to meet surging shopper demand, America's retailers are starting to temper their recruiting.

The changing mindset comes as companies confront a pullback in consumer spending, the prospect of an economic downturn and surging labor costs. Some analysts suggest that merchants have also learned to do more with fewer workers.

The nation's top employer, Walmart, said it recently overhired because of a COVID-19-related staffing shortage and then reduced its head count through attrition. In April, Amazon said it, too, had decided that it had an excess of workers in its warehouses. And FedEx, whose customers include big retailers, said late last month that it was hiring fewer people.

In addition, new data shows that retailers in recent months have been scaling back sign-on bonuses and are no longer relaxing job requirements – a sign they no longer feel compelled to expand their applicant pool, according to the labor analytics company Lightcast. And Snagajob, an online marketplace for hourly work, reports that job postings in retailing have been slowing in the past couple of months, though they remain up from a year

Retailers "are going to take a conservative view of what's possible and what's necessary because the price they will pay for being wrong will be minimum if they run out of goods and don't have enough staff, and massive if they wind up with an inventory glut and they have too many people employed," said Mark



A man wearing a face mask walks past a hiring sign in front of a store on Jan. 13 in Arlington, Virginia. Retailers are starting to pull back on their recruiting. OLIVIER DOULIERY/GETTY-AFP

Cohen, director of retail studies at Columbia University and a former CEO of Sears Canada.

The easing of retail hiring is happening in a labor market that has undergone volatile swings throughout the recovery from the pandemic recession of 2020.

Early on, companies such as Amazon, Target and Walmart that provide necessities and goods for the home stepped up their hiring to meet a crushing demand from online shoppers. At the same time, stores such as Macy's and Nordstrom whose clothing lines were considered nonessential by many at the time, temporarily laid off workers during nationwide lockdowns.

The pullback in retail hiring comes against the backdrop of a still-robust national job market. On Friday, the government reported that America's employers added 372,000 jobs in June. The unemployment rate for June remained 3.6%, for a fourth consecutive month, just above the half-century low that preceded the pandemic and a sign that the demand for workers, economy-wide, is still strong.

The job market became extremely tight starting in the spring of 2021, after the country emerged from the lockdowns and people, many of them newly vaccinated, were eager to shop and dine out again.

But shifting consumer behavior is already weighing on retailers and other types of businesses. Netflix and Peloton have announced layoffs, while technology behemoths like Facebook's parent Meta Platforms Inc. and Uber Technologies say they have moderated their hiring plans.

Such a pullback, if replicated elsewhere, might herald a broader scaling-back of hiring across the economy and, eventually, help slow the economy and ease high inflation.

With online shopping slowing, some affected retailers are retrenching.

Amazon, which doubled the size of its operations and nearly doubled its workforce in the past two years, is letting some of its warehouses leases expire and deferring construction on others, according to CEO Andy Jassy. The e-commerce giant also reportedly plans to sublease its excess space. Experts say Amazon and others may decide to find uses for their excess labor as the holiday shopping season approaches.

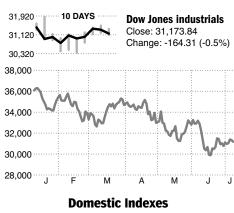
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Today's Supreme Court rights a wrong

Regarding the June 25 article "Roe v. Wade struck down:" Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia often said that U.S. law should not be made by the nine men and women in black robes. That task belongs exclusively to the elected members of Congress. Unfortunately, the former is exactly what happened 49 years ago when the Burger court found a right to abortion in the Constitution.

This Supreme Court righted that wrong by striking down Roe v. Wade. It was a bold and courageous move considering so many people believe that abortion is somehow enshrined in the constitution. That was never the case and the matter has now been resolved. Abortion has not been outlawed by the court. In Connecticut nothing has changed. Whether it's right or wrong, abortion is legal in this state. The hand-wringing by Ned Lamont, Richard Blumenthal, Chris Murphy and William Tong is political theater. If the American people want abortion enshrined in the law, they should urge their elected representatives to make it happen. In the meantime, we should honor the extraordinary wisdom of Justice Scalia and keep the business of lawmaking out of the courts.

Kenneth L. Boudreau, Farmington

Grandmother says it's a sad day in America

It has never ever occurred to me to have an abortion, nor have I ever been in a position that I have felt that I need to have one. And I thank God for that. However, I believe that we all have a right to make decision for our own body. As we mourn the loss of our rights to choose for ourselves, I would like to ask the following questions of those who are celebrative.

I hear you saying that you want to protect the unborn child. What happens when the child you want to protect is outside of the womb, will you buy milk, diapers, clothes or take care of the child when the mother is suffering from post-partum depression and has suicidal thought? I am the mother of one and grandmother of three adorable grandchildren and for me, June 24 was a very sad day in America.

Lela Murphy, Manchester

Ardent supporter of Arnott's reviews

A few weeks ago when I read Christopher Arnott's review of Goodspeed's production of "Cabaret," I was hoping he was being too critical. Well, he wasn't. It was a pallid, underwhelming production; a true disappointment. It was sad to see all that talent on stage upstaged by the director's choices. Theater critics will certainly be looking more closely at a production than most of us theatergoers and I don't always agree with reviews, but I appreciate his educated and honest take on the theater scene. Mr. Arnott has been part of the Connecticut arts scene for decades and knows what he's talking

Alison Farrell, East Haven

Arnott doesn't seem to grasp the point of theater

I am not sure what theater Christopher Arnott was sitting in when he wrote his review of Hartford Stage's "Kiss My Aztec!" It certainly wasn't the one I attended where over 400 people laughed loudly, clapped spontaneously and had an overall wonderful time together. Isn't that the point of theater?

Barbara Brezel, South Windsor

Arnott is right: Go see 'Hamilton'

Christopher Arnott's June 25 review of "Hamilton" is superb. This production is not to be missed.

Bob Hall, West Hartford

Pass Judiciary Act and expand Supreme Court

The right to abortion care is at risk because of a deliberate, decades-long takeover of the Supreme Court by powerful right-wing extremists. We're seeing the culmination of this takeover as it overturned Roe v. Wade. This opens the door for states to outlaw abortion and take us back to a time when women were forced to go through with an unwanted pregnancy, potentially endangering their health and hurting their ability to provide for their families. But it's possible to undo this damage. The Judiciary Act would add four seats, restoring balance to the Supreme Court. It's the solution that recent polling showed is supported by the majority of Americans, and it's what we need to move away from partisan rulings that dismantle our rights and freedoms. And it has been done before. In fact, Congress has changed the size of the Supreme Court seven times in our nation's history. It's time to do it again. I'm urging Congress to pass the Judiciary Act of 2021 to ensure we protect our fundamental freedoms and restore

balance to our courts now. Gerald Otte, East Hartford



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Voices inform economic development policies

By Jay Williams

In May, I had the opportunity to speak before the U.S. House of Representatives' select committee on Economic Disparity & Fairness in Growth. This hearing focused on strategies the federal government could use to support left-behind urban and rural communities. As a former mayor of Youngstown, Ohio, and assistant secretary of commerce for economic development, and in my current role as president and CEO of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, I have had the opportunity to view how federal, state and local policies fail to meet the needs of residents when those policies are not informed by the people they are intended to support.

Policy works best when it provides flexibility for communities to leverage their unique assets. While policymakers should ensure that communities are accountable stewards of taxpayer resources, it is vital to pair responsible stewardship with the ability of communities to utilize resources in flexible and innovative ways.

For example, the Community Development Block Grant Program continues to be one of the most flexible and impactful federal economic growth programs. More recently, the American Rescue Plan Act, or ARPA, provided a wider aperture through which communities were able to use federal resources to recover from the COVID-19-induced economic decline, while also positioning themselves for future, more equitable, economic resilience.

Equitable economic development requires communities to play an active role in creating solutions. It requires direct, targeted subsidy as well as long-term strategic programming designed to build wealth in low-income communities. And it requires policies that facilitate choice, including in where to live.

For example, the Hartford Foundation, in collaboration with two other Connecticut community foundations, is supporting the Baby Bonds Parent Advisory Council to inform the implementation of a baby bonds program for Connecticut children covered by the state's Medicaid program.

Hartford neighborhoods have suffered the long-term effects of disinvestment and a high concentration of poverty. Hartford's weak housing market limits property owners' ability to invest in necessary improvements, as the cost of those improvements frequently exceeds what can be supported by the homes' appraised value. Given this appraisal gap, it is understandable that property owners hesitate to make improvements, perpetuating a vicious cycle.

In our cities, we must adopt targeted revitalization strategies that provide Black and Latinx residents meaningful ownership opportunities so they can be the benefactors of neighborhood growth and vitality. However, in cities like Hartford where this appraisal gap exists, ownership does not always lead to wealth building. Federal programs to support homeownership and revitalization of small mixed-use and single-and multifamily development is critical.

Federal tools such as the low-income housing tax credit and the new markets tax credit are generally reserved for large projects; our neighborhoods need smaller, nimbler tools. The Hartford Foundation had been funding this type of subsidy on a pilot basis, but we, and other philanthropic investors, do not have the vast array of resources

to make a more meaningful impact. The Foundation most recently provided a housing advocacy grant to the Hartford Land Bank, which resulted in the Connecticut General Assembly's approval of \$20 million for a new homeownership subsidy in qualified census tracts in collaboration with local community development financial institutions. While this state funding is a start, passage of the federal Neighborhood Homes Reinvestment Act would address some of the appraisal gap issues that homeowners in low-income neighborhoods face.

Jobs are not created by politicians or government agencies. However, state and federal policies do play a critical role in helping to shape the economic environment by investing in infrastructure, promoting innovation and encouraging regional cooperation, which then boosts private sector job creation. In an environment of scarce resources, it becomes ever more important to have placed-based policies that spur investment that is equitable, strategic, and catalytic.

As former Demos president and author Heather McGhee said in her book "The Sum of Us": "poverty is a policy choice." Racism shapes opportunities for our Black and brown neighbors, and we know that the opportunities available to people of color today remain deeply impacted by inequitable policies rooted in the past. New policies and creative strategies that incorporate local voices are needed to dismantle the barriers created by our shared history.

Jay Williams is the president and CEO of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. For more information, visit hfpg.org or call 860-548-1888.

Why I'm Republican and pro-choice

By James Madison

I'm a Republican and I'm pro-choice.
This might sound like a strange combination, but it is far more common than you might think. With Roe v. Wade overturned, it is critical that pro-choice Republicans like myself stop being silent. We need to state the case for reproductive freedom using both conservative values and political real-

1. Limited government includes limiting regulations on reproduction. We believe it's invasive for government to regulate speech, guns, commerce and trade. How vastly more invasive is it to regulate a person's body during one of the most life-changing events they can experience?

2. Individual liberty includes how you choose to reproduce. There is no bigger government than the one that can control your uterus. Reproduction is deeply personal and I can't think of a better issue on which to protect the individual from the government.

3. Trusting parents includes trusting them in the very act of becoming a parent. We should trust parents from conception. It is particularly noteworthy that the majority of abortions involve a woman who is already a parent. They know what they're signing up for, and we should give them the tools they need to control when they're signing up for it again

4. Personal responsibility includes letting a young, generally less financially secure woman avoid two decades of financial responsibility she knows she can't handle. This also includes not putting her in a position where she will be forced to transfer much of that burden to the taxpayers.

5. The constitution screams a right to privacy. Even if one believes Roe was poorly written, fine, let's advance a better case. But the right to reproductive freedom fits perfectly well with the theme of individual



A demonstrator supporting abortion rights holds a sign outside the South Carolina Statehouse on Thursday in Columbia. **MEG KINNARD/AP**

liberty related to search and seizure, speech, arms, quartering solders, equal application of the law, and other individual liberties in the Constitution and its amendments.

6. Politics is the art of compromise, so both we and the left must accept that the best answer is somewhere in the middle. The first trimester (where 92% of abortions currently take place) should be 100% under the control of the woman. Elective abortions of a healthy fetus in the third trimester need to go — even many people on the left agree with that. Then we need a rigorous debate about where in the second trimester to draw the line. To be pro-choice is not an all-or-nothing position.

7. This issue is going to crush us in elections. This point is more about the horse race than principles, but it's worth considering. We have positions on inflation, racism, policing, gender identity, helping the working class and so many more that are trending

our direction nationally and will serve us well in elections. Why are we going to give all that up to take the big government side in the pro-choice issue?

I believe one of the most powerful effects of the overturn of Roe will also be one of the most unexpected: it will swing the Republican party to the center on an issue where our principles of limited government, individual liberty and parental trust will position us to contribute significantly to aligning public policy to the norms of the electorate.

I look forward to being a part of that change and invite all my fellow pro-choice Republicans to start being bold about where they stand on the issue. There are far more of us than anyone realizes.

James Madison was a delegate to the state convention this year and is on the Windsor Republican town committee. He lives in Windsor.



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named child(ren).
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Name of Judge Honorable Jassette Henry Signed Tiffany Thibodeau Date signed 7/6/22

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Damato, Jean



Jean R. (Stefano) Damato, 98, longtime¹ Avon resident passed away at peacefully UConn Medical Center with her family by her side. Jean was born on September 27, 1923, and was the third of ten children born to the late Rose and Joseph Stefano. They grew up in the south end of Hartford during the Great Depression, and Jean often enthralled her

family with stories from that era. After marrying her beloved husband, Nick, Sr., they had a son, Nick, Jr., who she described as her "greatest possession." Throughout their 50 plus year marriage, Nick, Sr. and Jean hobnobbed with the Hartford Society community, and in 1963 was proudly featured in a local newspaper article wearing a lime green gown to a Boys' Towns of Italy Ball. From 1967 until her retirement, Jean was a loyal employee of Allstate Insurance Company, where she worked her way up from Accounting to Regional Receptionist/Stat Assistant. She pridefully kept her annual reviews, one of which described her as having a "0% error ratio" due to her desire for perfection and unrivaled mathematical acumen.

Jean was a devout Catholic and faithful Communicant of St. Patrick's Church and Church of the Incarnation. Above all, Jean cherished her family, mostly her husband and son, the "Nickys", who predeceased her, and her cat Shelby. She also loved her grandchildren, siblings, nieces and nephews, and was fiercely adored

Jean will be deeply missed and forever remembered by her devoted grandchildren, Nicole Pierce and her husband Jeff, Kristin Brazalovich and her husband Phil, Peter Damato and his wife Cathy, Katie Damato, and Damato as well Brittany, Philip, Jr., Casey, Jackie and Michael, and great-great granddaughters Adelina and Aria. She also leaves her brother Michael Stefano and his wife Lois, sisters Mary Frances Ensign and Nancy Abbate, several nieces and nephews, most especially Andrea Quercia and her husband Chuck, and many friends.

Jean was also predeceased by brothers John and Johnny, and sisters Rose, Peggy, Tina, and Dolores. The family wishes to thank the nurses and doctors of UConn, as well as the AccentCare hospice nurses, who provided the best care imaginable under the circumstances, and changed her lifelong fear of hospitals. Visitation for Jean will be Wednesday, July 13th at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd.,

Wethersfield from 4 to 6 p.m. with a prayer service beginning at 6:00. Burial will be private. Memorial donations in Jean's name may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT. 06111. For online expressions of sympathy please visit wwwdesopo.com.



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Harris, Richard

Richard Harris passed away peacefully on July 9th. Family services held private.

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Lavnikevich, Nicholas

Nicholas John Lavnikevich, 100, of Avon, passed away Saturday March, 21, 2020. Born in Readville, MA, son of the late John Klement and Jennie (Botulinski) Lavnikevich, he was raised in Boston where he graduated from the McLean Hospital School of Nursing with a BA and earned his MA from Boston University in Public Health. Nick served in the US Navy as a corpsman in the Pacific Theatre in the Solomon Islands from 1943-1945. He returned to serve as Executive Director of the CT Heart Association until his retirement. He was a member and Past Commander of VFW Post 3272, Avon in 2003-2004 and named Outstanding Veteran in 2010. He was also a member of the First Company Governor's Horse Guard, Avon. He lived most of his life on Fernwood Drive in Simsbury. Nick also was a member of the Avon Congregational Church and the Masonic Order. He was predeceased by his wife Olive (Hohl) Lavnikevich and a son Carl. He leaves his son Peter Lavnikevich of Canton; two granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service with Naval Honors will be held Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 1 PM directly at the Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown. The Rev. Chris Solimene will conduct the religious service. Memorial Contributions may be made to his church, Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main Street, Avon, CT 06001. The Carmon Funeral Home of Avon is caring for the arrangements. For directions or condolences



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Brown, Thomas M



Thomas M. Brown, loving husband of Lydia (Wrotniak) Brown and former Farmington resident, passed away at his home in Conroe, Texas surrounded by his family on Wednesday, July 6, 2022. Tom was born in Brooklyn, New York on November 16, 1942, the son of Thomas and Margaret Brown who pre-deceased him. He was also pre-

deceased by his younger brother William Brown. Tom was a college graduate and US Army veteran stationed in San Francisco monitoring air defénses.

He spent most of his professional life in travel industry management, most notably with American Airlines and as East Coast Sales Director for Princess Cruises. Post Princess Tom began a period of semi retirement, first driving Italian furniture manufacturer (and eventual good friend) Peppe Fiorentino on sales calls all over the US, and then after moving to Texas working for Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Tom was an avid golfer and general sports fan who followed all of his local sports teams closely, both while in Connecticut and later in Texas. He was also a member of the Bristol Connecticut lodge 1010 B.P.O.E.

Besides Lydia, his wife of 38 years, Tom is survived by his son Thomas Brown Jr. of South Carolina, his daughter and son-in-law Coleen and Christian Pierce of the Woodlands, Texas, his his grandson and granddaughter Evan and Meagan Pierce also of the Woodlands, Texas and several nieces and nephews.

There are no calling hours. Burial is at the convenience of the family.

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Blackburn, Patrick J.



Patrick J. "Chet" Blackburn. beloved brother and friend to all passed away on June 27, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital due to the dreaded disease of cancer. He was born in Hartford, CT, the son of Edwin M. Blackburn Sr. and Geraldine (Richard) Blackburn on April 2, 1957. Chet was a 40-year member of Ironworkers Local Union #15

as an Ironworker and as a Union Organizer for Local #15. One thing is for sure, he loved his union, its members, and the union philosophy that he lived every day of his life. A quiet man by nature, articulate and well-read, an excellent listener, and a good conversational-ist after he had listened. Chet loved cooking and of

ist after he had listened. Chet loved cooking and of course eating! He loved music of all kinds: blues, jazz, country, and especially Willie Nelson. He so enjoyed his place in Vermont and hanging out with his brothers and friends in all of the four seasons. Hunting, fishing, working in the woods, and campfires at night. Just being together made him happy.

Chet Is survived by four siblings, Susan B. Lambert and husband Tom, of Simsbury, CT, E. Michael Blackburn and wife Lois of Enfield, CT & VT, Kenneth A. Blackburn and wife Trudi of Glover, VT, and Carol Souza and husband Ralph of New Hartford, CT and numerous nephews and nieces, and cousins. Three very special friends Steve Chisholm, and Gary Brunelle who are boyhood friends, and Jill Mountain, who comforted him at the end of his and Jill Mountain, who comforted him at the end of his

A memorial service will be held at 7:00 PM TODAY, July 12th at the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow St. in Simsbury CT. Visitation will be held prior, starting at 4:00 PM. A celebration of Chet's life will be held at a later date. A notice will be sent to family and friends. Memorial contributions may be sent to St. Jude's Hospital in memory of Patrick J. Blackburn. Please visit Chet's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome. com for online tributes.

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Ciriello, Germaine (Cyr)



Germaine Cyr Ciriello, 92, of Somers, widow of Peter Vito Ciriello (2017), entered eternal rest Sunday, July 10th, 2022. Born in Keegan Maine, she was the daughter of the late Louis and Anna (Dufour) Cyr A proud French Acadian Cyr. A proud French Acadian, she was raised in Van Buren, Maine, and was married in Portland, Maine, where she started her family with her

husband of 70 years Peter Vito Ciriello. They moved to Enfield where they raised their family. In 1986, they moved and retired in Somers. She was a parishioner of St. Martha's Roman Catholic Church in Enfield and All Saints Roman Catholic Church in Somersville. She was an active communitarian who volunteered with the Woman's Club of Enfield, Wreaths Across America and Asnuntuck Community College. Germaine was a highly regarded real estate agent for Sentry Real Estate in Enfield for over 25 years, and a friend to everyone she met. She enjoyed cooking and gardening, and spending time with her family, especially her grandkids, whom she adored.

She is survived by five sons, Joseph Ciriello and his life partner Marie Szabla of Maine, Peter Ciriello and his wife Caroline Neish of South Carolina, Paul Ciriello and his wife Wendy Del Mul of Massachusetts, James Ciriello and his wife Kathleen Connelly of Massachusetts, and Michael Ciriello of North Carolina. She leaves her twin sister Jeanne Cormier of Connecticut and Lucille Dionne of Maine, Joel Cyr of Florida, Noel Cyr of Connecticut, and Gerard Cyr of New Jersey. She is very proud of her ten grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and hundreds of nieces and nephews. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by a daughter-in-law, Susan Percoski Ciriello, and son-in-law, John W. Hodges, and nine siblings. Visitation hours will be held from 4 to 7p.m. Wednesday, July 13th at Somers Funeral Home, 354 Main Street, Somers. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 14th at All Saints Church, 25 School St., Somersville (Please meet directly at church). Committal will be private. Donations may be made to the Woman's Club of Enfield, PO Box 80, Enfield, CT 06083, or to All Saints Church, PO Box M, 25 School St., Somersville, CT 06072. To leave onlinecondolences, please visit www.Somersfuneralhome.com.

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Diaz, Maria L (Gonzalez)



We are sad to announce the passing of Maria Luisa Diaz of Hartford, CT. She passed peacefully at the age of 99 on July 6, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. The funeral will be

held on Friday, July 15, 2022 at DeLeon Funeral Home, 104 Main Street, Hartford, CT with the viewing at 9-11am, burial service at 11:30am at Mount Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield, CT. Survived by her sons, daughter, and several generations of grandchildren.

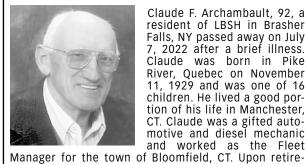
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Marshall, Lois

Lois Foster Marshall M.D. passed away peacefully on a beautiful Sunday morning in July of 2022. She was hard-working. She was kind. She will be as greatly missed by her family as she was so greatly loved.

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Archambault, Claude F.



Claude F. Archambault, 92, a resident of LBSH in Brasher Falls, NY passed away on July 7, 2022 after a brief illness. Claude was born in Pike River, Quebec on November 11, 1929 and was one of 16 children. He lived a good portion of his life in Manchester, CT. Claude was a gifted auto-motive and diesel mechanic

ment, he moved to northern NY where he designed and built a house with his wife Leona. He enjoyed working on cars and lawn tractors, digging with his backhoe, taking road trips, tending to his property, and spending time outdoors. He was devoted to his church and a proud lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus who awarded him "Knight of the Year" in 1992/1993 and again in 2007/2008. He touched many lives in the north country and was remembered by all who met him. He was predeceased by his first wife Leona Archambault and by his second wife Peggy Diles Archambault. He left behind his son Ernest Archambault, daughter Caroline Archambault, grandson Juston Archambault, granddaughter Maeghan Traboulsi, beloved partner Vinnie Leone, and great grandchildren Logan, Colton, ment, he moved to northern NY where he designed and Vinnie Leone, and great grandchildren Logan, Colton, Lyla, Sophia, and Roman. The immediate family will be holding a private ceremony in CT. A celebration of life will also be held at LBSH.

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Beverley, Richard Bruce



Richard Bruce Beverley, 74, of Bloomfield, passed away doing what he enjoyed, riding his motorcycle on Friday, July 8, 2022.Richard was a devoted and loving husband to Ruby Lee (Thompson) Beverley for 14 years. Born in Bristol, CT on October 14, 1947, to the late Robert and Bernice (Jackson) Beverley,

Plainville, CT. Richard was a graduate of Plainville High School. He proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Richard leaves behind in love to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Ruby Lee; Beloved niece, Helen G. Sneed and nephew, Gregory; Sister, Lois Mitchell (Beverley); brother, Robert Beverley, Jr.; Nieces and Nephews, Great Niece and Great Nephews; Sister-in-law, Thelma Houston; a dear friend, Tom Minnifield; special cousin, Carol Shepard, a large circle of relatives, extended family members, church family and friends.

Richard was predeceased by his parents, grandparents, brother-in-law, Edward Mitchell, and brother, Donald

Beverley.
Richard's family will celebrate his life at 11am, Friday,
July 15, 2022, at The First Cathedral, 1151 Blue Hills
Ave., Bloomfield. The family will receive friends prior from 10am-11am. Mask are required for those in attendance. For the complete obituary and online condolences, please visit www.carmomfuneralhome.com



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Cantrell, Denise Marie



Denise Marie Cantrell, 63, of Coventry, CT, loving wife to Jeffrey Warner, passed away peacefully at home with family on Monday, July 4, 2022. Denise was born March 20, 1959 in Hartford, CT and grew up in Manchester, CT. She was the daughter of Bruce Yvette Cantrell of Manchester. Denise attended Assumption School and East

Catholic High School, which was followed by a career in manufacturing quality assurance, most recently at E A Patten in Manchester. She had a knack for and enjoyed gardening and crafting. She was a lifelong avid Red Sox fan. Denise was known for her beautiful smile and heart of gold. Family meant everything to her. Especially her daughter Danielle Sears and husband Jeffrey Séars, grandson Louis Lancelin and wife Nicole Lancelin, grandson Jason Lancelin, great grandson Jaxson Lancelin, step granddaughters Vanessa Wesley, Hailey and Julia Sears and her 2 cats Paisley and Munchkin. In addition, Denise leaves behind her sisters, Cheryl Dec, Renee Meucci and husband Paul, Andrea Bertussi and husband Todd, as well as her in laws Jim & Karen Warner, sister-in-law Sherri Sojka and husband Greg, brother-in-law Erik Warner and wife Sandy Andreoli and numerous nieces, nephews, a grandniece, aunts, uncles, cousins and beloved family and friends. She has gone to join her predeceased angel sister Celeste Cantrell. Denise will be eternally missed by all that loved her. A celebration of life will be held at a later date for close family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Cat Tales Rescue at http://cattalesct.org/donate/.

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Stanavige, Marion



Marion Stanavige, 98, for-merly of Hartford, CT, passed away on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at Cumberland House Hospice in Crossville, TN. Mrs. Stanavige was born on May 9, 1924, in Forest City. PA. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Joseph Stanavige. They

lived in Hartford, for most of their lives. She worked for the Aetna Life & Casualty Insurance until retiring in 1989. More recently she shared a home with her daughter in NC, and then with her other daughter in TN. daughter in NC, and then with her other daughter in TN. Family was her top priority, but she also loved to garden, sew, and knit. She was an excellent teacher, unafraid to tackle whatever she set her mind to. She is predeceased by all her siblings. Surviving are daughters, JoAnne Hickey (Herbert) of Crossville, TN, and Marilyn (Karl) Bauch of Waxhaw, NC; five grandchildren, Nora Miller of Mayland, TN; Joseph Hickey (Dr. Jennifer Frontera) of Brooklyn, NY; Angela Lawrence (William) of Indian Trail, NC; Eric Bauch (Jolene) of Ellington, CT; and Christopher Bauch (Elizabeth) of Coventry, CT: a host of nieces and nephews; and nine great-grandchildren. Arrangements and care are by the Bilbrey Funeral Home, Crossville, TN, where the family will receive visitors from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on July 25. Funeral mass will be at Saint Alphonsus Church, 151 Saint Alphonsus Way, Crossville, at 11:00 a.m. on July 26. On Saturday, August 13, at 1:00 p.m., a graveside service will be at August 13, at 1:00 p.m., a graveside service will be at Saint Anthony Cemetery in Forest City, PA, arranged by Jones & Brennan Funeral Home. Those wishing to make memorial donations are encouraged to consider the American Cancer Society, Autism Speaks, Blazing Hope Ranch (Dayton, TN), the American Stroke Association,

or the Saint Alphonsus Church building fund. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

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Finley, Mary (Kelly)



On the afternoon of July 8, Mary Kelly Finley died peacefully surrounded by her caring family. She had faced her fights with cancer and its complications for decades with a strength and willpower that amazed us all. Never the victim, she took on the role of unwavering leader, reminding us that "you cannot control the wind, but you can adjust your sails." Mary met her days with kindness, intelligence and, if necessary, a remarkable tenacity. A fiercely loyal wife, mother and grandmother, she loved her family and close friends deeply and without condition. She was a proud and humorous woman whose mood could turn quickly if she encountered cruelty, self-aggrandizement or an impossible fool. Her unrestrained barbs toward exhibitors of those traits were often biting and always memorable. The world always knew where they stood with Mary Finley.

Born on May 19, 1945 to Robert and Georgiana Kelly of Wethersfield, CT, Mary was the

fourth of five children. After escaping Hartford's Saint Augustine School, Mary attended Mount Saint Joseph Academy in West Harford, CT. She then matriculated to Elizabeth Seton College in Yonkers, NY where among other accomplishments she gained lifelong friends and served as President of Student Government. She then concluded her college experience at Our Lady of the Elms in Chicopee, MA. Mary would later earn a MS in Early Childhood Education at Saint Joseph's College in West Hartford.

Upon graduating, coming home meant continuing a growing relationship with a young man she'd first met a decade earlier when he spiked her while sliding into third base on a softball field. History cannot recall whether the runner was out on the play, but unfortunately for young George Finley, witnesses have confirmed again and again who won the ensuing fight on that dusty field. And though it may have started with a kids' conflict, the real, enduring foundation of the relationship between George and Mary was a strong and caring one, brimming with laughter, love and true affection. This partnership has been celebrated for 53 years and been the model for their three children,

Before raising those children in West Harford, Mary had been an elementary school teacher in the Wethersfield school system and Webster Hill School in West Hartford. When she elected to stay home with her growing family, Mary kept her brain and person busy with many organizations, most notably at St Francis Hospital. There she served as corporator as well as longtime member and then President of the Women's Auxiliary. Her years at the Auxiliary were fun and productive times working often long hours with women she enjoyed and admired. In later years after she'd moved down to the shore, Mary enjoyed playing an active role on the Old Lyme Shores Board of Governors. But the best part of moving to their home in Old Lyme was the time George and Mary could spend together golfing at Black Hall CC, cruising Long Island Sound fishing, taking a quick trip to Sag Harbor for lunch, sitting on a beach chair with a dear friend or entertaining the daily passersby that George had coaxed into conversation. A couple of winters were broken up by a month or so in Florida, but mostly these years have been spent at Old Lyme Shores in the town where their story began. As it should be.

In time, it's the role as grandparent that brought Mary enormous joy. And her grandchildren loved their "Mae". So many OLS 4th of July parades saw a growing group of Finley grandkids, and so many times with them featured on the most creative float conceived and designed by the most amazing grandmother at the beach. Mae is survived by her "perfect" grandchildren: Georgianna and Tommy Finley, Sybil and Theodore Neary, and Mackenzie, Quinn, Kieran

Mary is survived by her three children and their spouses: Clark Finley and Christine Bartus of West Hartford; Christopher Neary and Meghan Finley of Old Lyme; and, Patrick and Linda Finley of Glastonbury. She is also survived by siblings Joel and Barbara Kelly of Mystic, CT; James and Eileen Kelly of New London, CT and Sheila Dean of Ivoryton, CT. She was predeceased by Walter Dean in 2019 and her beloved younger brother, Gregory Kelly, in 2017. A Mass of Christian Burial has been scheduled for Thursday, July 14 at 11am at Christ the King Church in Old Lyme, CT. In lieu of flowers, the Finley family has requested donations to either Cleveland Clinic Cardiac Center, P.O. Box 931517, Cleveland, OH, 44193 or The Women's Auxiliary at Saint Francis Hospital, 114 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105. To leave condolences, or for more information, please visit Farleysullivan.com.

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St. Pierre, Keith C.

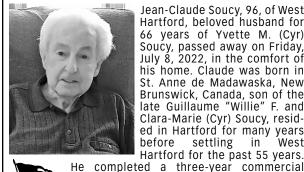


Keith C. St. Pierre, 69 of Newington, passed away Saturday July 2nd, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. He was born in Hartford, CT August 28th, 1952 to the late Lucian and Juanita Wallace St. Pierre. Keith enjoyed his box car and Hot Wheels collection as well as watching wres-

ds Well as Watching Wies-tling. He leaves behind his loving wife of 37 years, Susan; his daughter, Samantha St. Pierre of Newington; his son, Patrick St. Pierre of East Hartford; brothers, Richard and his wife Antonia, Gregory (Dee) and his wife Theresa; sister in law Fran Patrick and her his wife Theresa; sister-in-law, Fran Patrick and her hus-band Randy; his niece and nephews and his cat Major, who he adored. Keith will be missed by all who knew him. The family will receive relatives and friends Thursday, July 14th, 2022 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Rose Hill Funeral Home 580 Elm St. Rocky Hill, CT. A Funeral Service will be 11:00am Friday, July 15th, 2022 also at Rose Hill Funeral Home with burial to follow in the Rose Hill Memorial Park. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com

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Soucy, Jean-Claude



Hartford, beloved husband for 66 years of Yvette M. (Cyr) Soucy, passed away on Friday, July 8, 2022, in the comfort of his home. Claude was born in St. Anne de Madawaska, New Brunswick, Canada, son of the late Guillaume "Willie" F. and Clara-Marie (Cyr) Soucy, resided in Hartford for many years before settling in Hartford for the past 55 years.

course at the College du Sacre-Coeur in Bathhurst, New Brunswick, Canada. Claude joined the U.S. Army in 1950 and served for approximately two years. One of those years he was stationed in Korea. He received a Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars and a UN Service Medal. His obligation included being in the reserves for an additional five years and he was discharged in November, 1956. Claude was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 32 years as a letter carrier. He retired from Civil Service in 1983 at the age of 57. After retirement, he had numerous part-time jobs including serving as a bartender at the French Social Circle on Park Street, Hartford; working at 3 Sons restaurant in Wethersfield; taxi cab driver; driver for Turley Transportation, Sheehan Funeral Home and Dolin Limousine Service, as well as driving for private clients. Claude enjoyed playing poker with the family and camping. He was kind, trustworthy, understanding, patient, and a friend to all that ever came in contact with

him. He was well liked by all who knew him. Besides his wife, Jean-Claude is survived by his daughter, Claire H. (Soucy) Gagnon, and her husband, Ronald of Bristol and his son, Richard N. Soucy of Wilmington, NC. A third child died prior to birth. Grandchildren include Jason M. Halpert and his wife Jessica (Leduc) of Enfield; Michelle R. (Halpert) Strayer and husband Kenneth of Nokesville, VA; Richard Soucy and Trinity Soucy of Wilmington, NC. Great-Grandchildren include Aiden K Strayer of Nokesville, VA; Julianna N. Halpert and Janelle G. Halpert of Enfield.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Conde and Ludger

He was predeceased by his brothers, Conde and Ludger "Jerry"; his sisters, Leanne Soucy, Ena Bernard, Yvette Retano, and Celine Turley. Claude was the youngest child and lived to be the oldest of them all. Calling hours will be Thursday, July 14, 2022, at Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The funeral procession will be Friday (July 15), 9:00 a.m. from the Funeral Home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial, 10:00 a.m. in St. Brigid Church, 1088 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford. Burial will follow at New Britain Avenue, West Hartford. Burial will follow at State Veterans Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane, Middletown. Friends and relatives are invited to continue to celebrate Claude's life by appreciating every day. Be a reflection of what you would like to receive. If you want love, give love. If you want truth, be truthful. If you would like respect, give respect. Let compassion be your guide. Online condolences may be made at www. SheehanHilbornBreen.com.

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Kirschner, Irene



Irene A. Kirschner, 96, of West Hartford, was called to heaven on Wednesday, July 6, 2022. Born in Berlin on August 14, 1925 to Anna and Gustav Haman, she lived in Hartford, Bloomfield, and West Hartford. Irene won

West Hartford. Irene won many blue ribbons while a member of the Bloomfield Women's Club for her articles on knitting and crocheting. For many years she assisted at the swearing-in of new immigrants becoming US citizens. She was a member of the altar guild at Grace Lutheran Church for 60 years, played in the hand bell choir, and was part of the Grace Notes publishing team. Irene devoted herself to crocheting pot holders. Everyone that knows her has a set or two. She also loved gardening and baking, especially cookies. Irene was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Edward, as well as six brothers and three sisters. years, Edward, as well as six brothers and three sisters. She is survived by two sons, Paul and Robert, Paul's wife Margaret; sister-in-law Evelyn, and seven grandchildren, Christopher, Christina, Jennifer, Daniel, Ruth, Robert, and David.

Calling hours will be Thursday, July 14th from 10am to 11am with a funeral service and burial to follow at Rose Hill Funeral Home 580 Elm St, Rocky Hill, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her name to Praise, Power & Prayer Christian School, PO Box 474, Windsor, CT 06095, where all her grandchildren attended and Christina teaches. Please expressions of sympathy, memories or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com

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Smith, Jeanne M



Jeanne M Smith, 76, of Somers, CT passed away July 5, 2022 at her home with her daughter by her side. She was predeceased by her parents Arthur W. Strenge and Barbara J. Strenge (Totten) of Manchester, CT, her son Brett M. Smith of Brooklyn, NY and her granddaughter Taylor M. Smith of Somers, CT. Jeanne is survived by her son Kevin

S. Smith (his wife Christine Smith) of Andover MA and her daughter Keely R. Smith of Somers, CT along with 10 grandchildren; Cody Smith of Newbury, CA, Kevin McNeill (fiancé McKaylah Poulin) of Somers, CT, Alyssa Smith of Andover, MA, Samantha McNeill of Somers, CT, Zachary Smith of Berlin, CT, Ashley Smith of Andover, MA, Amanda Smith of Andover, MA, Aviyana Piccone of Southington, Anderson Smith of Somers, CT and Benjamin Smith of Somers, CT. Jeanne graduated Manchester High School in 1963 and continued on to Mount Ida College. She married her high school sweetheart, Gerald C. Smith and had 3 children.

Jeanne grew up in Manchester, CT and raised her family in Southington, CT. Always dressed to the Nine's, heads always turned when she entered a room. Her warm smile and beautiful eyes always captured attention. An avid dancer since the age of three, she danced her way to The Rockettes in NYC in the 60's. Jeanne loved the water and boating was a big part of her childhood. JEBART was the family boat in Essex, CT where the family would dock and enjoy all things shopping, dining and the beach with family and friends. While boating, she met and dated Michael Douglas and enjoyed lunch with Paul Newman. While her children were young, she created memories at their beach house in Madison, CT during the summer months. Jeanne was a volunteer for the local Women's Jaycee's in Southington. She was a stay-at-home Mom who loved to have her children walk home from school periodically for special lunches with her. Being a Mom was the most fulfilling part of Jeanne's life. When her children were middle school age, she worked at a local TV station; WVIT, Channel 30. age, she worked at a local TV station; WVIT, Channel 30. While working at the television station, Jeanne and her family had the privilege of participating in a Christmas commercial with 4 generations of family present. 1996-2013 Jeanne followed her dream and moved to Las Vegas, NV. She loved the desert, casinos and all things entertainment. Penny slots were her all time favorite. Shelby, Moo Moo, Abby and Maggie were Jeanne's furry friends who loved her unconditionally. Cooking was a favorite pastime and anyone who tasted her signature Chinese dinner were taken away at its authenticity. In 2013 she came back to live near her daughter and grandchildren in Somers, CT. She always looked forward to Sunday family dinners with her family. During the end of her life, Jeanne was a "Game Show" fanatic. Her daughter and grandsons would watch with her and enjoy how. Jeanne was more entertaining than the enjoy how Jeanne was more entertaining than the show itself! Full of life, wittiness and strength until the end that will be sorely missed. RIP Mama. We will miss

you more than words can express. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Downer, Asker Sydney "Jimmy"



Asker Sydney "Jimmy" Downer was born to the late Stanley Downer and Mary Bennett Weir, on December 9, 1930, in Jamaica. He departed this life on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, in Hartford, CT. He leaves to cherish his memories. A devoted wife, Vergie DeRamus-

Downer; a Stepdaughter, Yvette Hicks; two Stepsons, Truzell DeRamus and Alphonzo DeRamus; a Sister, Zera Weir Taylor; four Brothers, Stevel Weir (Doris), Herman Weir (Cynthia), Watford Weir (Louise), Joseph Weir (Rubina); Eight grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends. He was grandchildren and other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his parents; two daughters; two Sisters; and five brothers. His family will receive friends on Thursday, July 14, 10-11 a.m., followed by a Funeral Service at 11 a.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church, 120 Sigourney St., Hartford. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. For online condulances, the read the complete objects and the condolences, to read the complete obituary, and to view the service life or after, Thursday, July 14th at 11 a.m., please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Murdock, Robert D.



With heavy hearts we announce that our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, Robert D. Murdock, 91, of Manchester and Niantic, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on July 9, 2022.

Born in Manchester on August 10, 1930, son of the late Thomas and Pearl Murdock, Bob was a resident of Bolton for 60 years before moving to Manchester in 2014. He graduated from Manchester High School and attended the University of Hartford. On June 11, 1955 he married the love of his life, Elinor Miner, and they were inseparable ever since.

Bob loved his family, and cherished his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed his summers at Black Point Beach in Niantic where he enjoyed boating, lobster dinners, and driving his 1930 Model A Ford in parades. He devoted his life to his family, always attending their activities and sporting

He was an inspiration to all, meeting his daily challenges with strength, dignity, and grace. His love for his family was boundless. Throughout his illness, Bob kept his sense of humor and charm. He never gave up and enjoyed always having his wife, Ellie, by his side.

A builder and realtor for the U & R Realty Corporation for more than 50 years, Bob was very proud of the beautiful homes he built, including his own home in Bolton, and was often reminded of his wonderful talent by people he met.

A veteran of the U.S. Army and the Connecticut National Guard, he proudly served his country during the Korean War. Bob was a very patriotic man and the military was a significant part of his life, pride, and accomplishments.

Bob was a member of the South United Methodist Church. Additionally, he was a lifetime member of the Omar Shrine Club of Manchester, the Manchester Lodge of Masons, and the Order of Eastern Star. He also ved on numerous boards including as a corporator of Manchester Memorial Hospital, advisory board of the Savings Bank of Manchester, and president of the Bolton Cemetery Association. He was the president of the Manchester Board of Realtors for many years and served as the president of the Bolton Scholarship Committee for 10 years.

Bob leaves behind his loving wife, Elinor, of 67 years. He was blessed with four beautiful children, Robin Murdock-Meggers and son-in-law, Thomas Meggers of Manchester, Susan Russo and son-in-law Charles Russo of Manchester, Wendy Pagani and son-in-law Mark Pagani, of Bolton, and David Murdock and daughterin-law, Stacey Pineo Murdock, of Old Lyme. His seven grandchildren, who affectionately called him Grampy, were a great source of pride and he loved them with all his heart and soul. He leaves his grandchildren, Peter Meggers and his wife, Lindsay Gengras Meggers of Manchester, Patrick Meggers and his wife, Katherine Gent Meggers of Fairfield, Megan Russo of New York City, New York, Nicholas Pagani and his wife, Erika Wallace Pagani of Boston, Mass., Allison Pagani of Boston, Mass., Halloran Murdock of West Haven, CT., and Behert Murdock of Meshville TN. and Robert Murdock of Nashville, TN. He loved his two precious great-grandchildren, Eleanor and Clayton Meggers. He is survived by his sister, Shirley Fortier, of Enfield, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents as well as sisters Murdock, father-in-law and mother-in-law, Harry and Margaret Miner, and brother-in-law Harry "Pete" Miner.

We wish to thank all who expressed love and support to Bob's family during his illness. A special thank you to his caretakers, Sue and Robin, and the Hospice team of the Visiting Nurses Association of Vernon.

A service to celebrate Bob's life will be on Thursday, July 14 at South Methodist Church, 1226 Main Street, Manchester, at 1:00 p.m., followed by burial at East Cemetery. Tierney's Funeral home has care of the arrangements.

Please remember Bob with a smile, a laugh, or an act of kindness to others. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Bolton Scholarship Fund, (Robert D. Murdock Memorial Scholarship) 72 Brandy Street, Bolton, CT., or South United Methodist Church, 1226 Main St. Manchester, CT.

Although our hearts are broken and it is difficult to think of our days without his love and guidance, we will find comfort in our fond memories and will carry him in our hearts forever.

For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.



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Griffin, Gary W.



Gary W. Griffin, Sr, 73, of Southington, passed away on Saturday, July 9, 2022, after a courageous battle with leukemia. He was born July 21, 1948, in Southington to the late Robert and Shirley (Johnson) Griffin, Gary was a 1966 graduate of Southington High School and a proud Vietnam Veteran, serving with the US Army, achieving

with the US Army, achieving the rank of Specialist Five. He was employed in the construction trade for many years, working for White Oak, O&G and Suzio before retiring to a life of travel, time with family, hiking, genealogy studies, pinot noir and fun. In addition to his parents, Gary was predeceased by his brother Bruce D. Griffin and sister Ann Egan. He is survived by his son Gary Griffin and wife Jen of Simsbury; grandchildren Rylan and Reese; his daughter Candace Griffin; and Brenda Burns, his companion and love of his life; Brenda's daughters Courtney Pelletier (husband Mike); Meghan Sudol (husband John), son Garrett Burns (fiancé Allie); and her grandchildren Chloe and Raelvnn. whom Gary affectionately children Chloe and Raelynn, whom Gary affectionately called Peanut and Little Peanut, and Jack (Jack Jack). He is also survived by his brother Wayne Griffin and wife Lynn (Moxley) of Las Vegas, Nevada; brother Robert Griffin and his wife Vickie (Frederickson) of Sulphur, Louisiana; and sister-in-law, Linda (Lagasse) Griffin of Cypress, Texas, and several nieces and nephews. Gary loved his family and friends dearly and enjoyed the time he spent with all of them. The family would like to extend a special thank you to his incredible medical team from the West Haven Veterans Hospital and Smilow Cancer Hospital. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcomed to Connecticut Children's Foundation, 282 Washington St. Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. There will be no calling hours. A graveside service with full military honors will be held at 12 noon on July 13, 2022, at the State Veteran's Cemetery, Bow Lane, Middletown, Connecticut. Plantsville Funeral Home has been entrusted with handling the arrangements. For online condolences and directions, please visit www.plantsvillefuneralhome.com.

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Puzzo, Karen



in Brattleboro.

Karen Puzzo was many things, she was a Vermonter, unings, sne was a Vermonter, a singer, a gardener, a seam-stress, a baker, a crafter, a volunteer, a caretaker, a con-summate organizer, a poet, a devoted daughter, a loving sister, caring mother, a kind friend and above all else a selfless giver selfless giver.

BaiRossi. Karen immediately became the apple of her dad's eye much to the chagrin of her eight-year-old brother Danny. Karen's brother Steve was born six years later, and the family moved to Blakeslee Street

Karen attended St. Michael's School and was involved in many clubs including the school band. She eventually graduated at the top of her class and headed off to the University of Connecticut to study physical therapy. Unfortunately, a serious car accident right before she left for school squashed those dreams and after just one year at UConn she realized that she needed to reset her life plan. Her next stop was Longmeadow, Mass., where Karen graduated from Bay Path College. Karen had an illustrious career at Bay Path, made lifelong friends, and found her calling in medical administration. Karen may not have had the career she set out for, but she ended up with one she loved and with

friends that she remained close to for over 60 years. After college, she returned to Connecticut to work at St. Francis Hospital. Her roommate set her up on a blind date with a young student from the University of Hartford named Paul and they began a lovely courtship. They married in 1967 and settled in the idyllic and diverse community of Bloomfield. They had two children, Julianne (Julié) and Paul, Jr. (PJ). They lived in a storybook neighborhood of tightknit families that spent théir days and nights together as one. They held block parties, went Christmas caroling, and had annual Halloween and St. Patrick's Day parties. Karen oversaw just about everything, school activities, the monthly craft club and baking elaborate cakes for everyone's birthdays. Of course, not all good things have good endings, and neither the marriage nor the neighborhood as we knew it lasted and everyone went their

In 1980, Karen joined the Farmington Valley Chorus group, a women's barbershop choir, a part of the Sweet Adelines organization. Karen always loved to sing, at the altar at Christ the King Church and as a member of The Kings Players, a Bloomfield theater group. Finding a group of women dedicated to the love of music was the perfect outlet for Karen. Of course, she couldn't just sit back and be a regular member of the chorus. She quickly become the head of the costume committee, covering her living room floor with satin and sequins for weeks on end. Then she started writing scripts to turn their concerts into elaborate shows. Using her administrative expertise, Karen became the Competition Coordinator for Sweet Adelines in the Northeast; subsequently she sat on the Regional Board of Directors and eventually became Regent. She was honored with the Marge Bennett Angel Award. With Sweet Adelines she traveled the country and eventually the world, even singing at Carnegie Hall.

Karen was a mom's mom, even though she only had two of her own children, there are many people far and wide that consider her mom. When she became a grandmother (Nonnie) to Andrea, she was so excited. But then her great granddaughter Codi came along; the love between Codi and Nonnie was what she had been

waiting for her whole life. Karen was also a friend. Over the past three months the number of cards she received from friends were too numerous to count. Those people were just giving back what she has been giving to her friends her whole life. She made everyone feel loved and cared for, especially during tough times. She believed that love conquered all and manifested that belief every day.

Karen always had a childlike love of fireworks. A simple fireworks display at Lake Pocotopaug enthralled her as much as the giant display on the National Mall. She passed away at 8:30 on July 3rd and just moments after she passed the Hartford sky lit up with fireworks that we could see from her hospital window. It was the perfect sandoff to a woman who gave of herself every day. fect sendoff to a woman who gave of herself every day. Family and friends are invited to attend the viewing at Atamaniuk Funeral Home at 40 Terrace Street, Brattleboro, VT on July 18th from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM and the funeral mass following at St. Michael's Church, 47 Walnut Street at 12:00.

There will be a separate Celebration of Life held at Farmington Gardens in Farmington, CT on July 20th, for more information, please contact the family.

Karen was very fortunate to have what she called

'angels" help her when she couldn't always afford to attend Sweet Adelines competitions and trips around the country and world. So, we have established the Karen Puzzo One Voice Scholarship at the Farmington Valley Chorus so we can create even more angels in her honor. In lieu of flowers you may contribute to this scholarship by making a donation to Farmington Valley Chorus, 900 Misty Meadow Lane, South Windsor, CT

To share a memory or send condolences to Karen's

family, please visit www.atamaniuk.com. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

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McEntire, Walter



Walter McEntire, age 66 passed on July 4, 2022, after an extended illness and hospitalization in New Britain, Connecticut where he had lived and worked for many years. Walter had a long and distinguished career in television broadcasting and produc-tion that spanned 45 years. He shared his professional pas-

sions with aspiring broadcast-ers for 15 years at Connecticut School of Broadcasting. Walter had retired in late 2021, purchased a new home along the Gulf Coast in South Texas, and was looking forward to a new life in his retirement.

The son of Thomas Fulcher McEntire and Doris Carr McEntire, both deceased, he is survived by sister Susan McEntire Kern and her husband Kurtis Kern of Weston, Missouri; niece Kristi Claybrook (Joseph Claybrook) nephew John Kern; great-nephews Eli and Benjamin Claybrook along with a host of cousins, friends and colleagues who will miss him dearly.

Walter grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, surrounded by a large, loving family. He graduated with honors from Winnetonka High School following a year abroad with American Field Service in Argentina. That experience helped form a lifelong love of travel and an appreciation of cultural diversity. In 1976 he received a BA, with honors, in journalism from the University of Georgia where he majored in Radio TV and Film where he majored in Radio, TV and Film.

He returned to his hometown where he joined KBMA-TV as a producer/production assistant. At KBMA, Walter produced an hour-long weekly children's program called "The Mother Nature Show". Soon, he ventured into live charts which become his passing the live charts which become into live sports which became his passion. Wearing many hats, he operated cameras, directed shoots and edited projects for the station. From 1978 to 1980, Walter worked with WDAF-TV producing and directing for the Royals Baseball Network.

In 1981, he moved to WFSB-TV in Hartford, Connecticut and established a life in New England where he lived and worked until his death. Recognizing Walter's sizable talent, Otis Elevators hired him to produce the company's corporate videos, enabling him to travel extensively. He circumnavigated the globe twice, visiting far-flung places such as the Egyptian pyramids and China. After a number of years with Otis, Walter launched a successful production company, Big Bang Productions, and ultimately landed at the Connecticut School of Broadcasting (CSB) where he held the position of Lead Television Instructor. He created a collaboration between CSB and the Rock Cats, a New Britain AA baseball team. When the Rock Cats moved to Hartford and became the Yard Goats, Walter was instrumental in designing both the new stadium and the control booth for broadcasting games. Working as broadcast director at the stadium, Walter would select the most talented students from CSB and put them to work at Dunkin Donuts Park shooting and directing the live-broadcast games. In 2019, he was awarded minor league baseball's Broadcaster of the Year.

A much loved and respected teacher, Walter worked through pain and the affliction of a longterm illness to keep the program on track. Former students report that they would not be working in the broadcast field had it not been for the mentoring and instruction Walter generously offered. He was known to go above and beyond in his mentorship. One former student who had been selected to work for the first time as a cameraman at an upcoming game, recalled expressing his nervousness to Walter. Ever the encouraging mentor, Walter simply replied, "I wouldn't have brought you in if I didn't think you could do it."

Friends, colleagues and students often used words like brilliant, creative, thoughtful, and kind to describe Walter, however, they also noted he was a tough but fair instructor, and highly demanding of his students. He expected the highest standards from his both students and crew.

Walter was well known for a wry wit and a clever sense of humor as well as his ability to tell a memorable tale. He often regaled friends and colleagues with humorous stories about his family and life experiences.

He loved entertaining and holidays. For Halloween, he transformed the exterior of his New Britain home into a spooky treat for the neighborhood, complete with light displays, fog machines, skeletons and graveyards. Christmas brought an explosion of lights and festivity. He especially loved his Borzoi dogs and enjoyed antique collecting, and southwestern art.

Along with his passion for teaching, baseball, Borzois and production, Walter developed a love of line dancing. Over nearly two decades he grew into an accomplished dancer and joined a large community of enthusiastic line dancers who often performed around the country line dancers who often performed around the country line was a few and other parents. at clubs, fairs and other events. As one of his longtime friends and fellow dancers said, "Save me a dance in Heaven.

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Sopelak, Donald J.



Donald J. Sopelak, 82, of Avon, beloved husband of Sophie (Smolinski) Sopelak, Saturday, July 9, 2022. He was born and raised in Hartford to the late Cora (Bouley) and Andrew Sopelak, graduating from Bulkley High School in He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Central CT State College. In 1962, he began his

career as a math teacher at Avon High School, retiring in 1999. A dedicated educator, in his retirement he became an adjunct math teacher at Tunxis Community College for five years. He enjoyed his community and was a member of the Avon Lions Club for over 45 years, a supernumary police officer with the Avon Police Department, in the Knights of Columbus, and usher at the Church of Saint Ann. Don was an avid outdoorsman who loved animals, photography, was a skilled crafts-man with woodwork, and a wine connoisseur. He also enjoyed travel and volunteering as an usher at the Bushnell. Besides his wife, Sophie, he leaves behind his son Stephen (Megan) Sopelak of Farmington; daughter Carolyn (Martin) Burns of Eldersburg, MD; grandchildren Rebecca and Kyle Sopelak, and Sean and Daniel Burns; brother Kenneth (Janet) Sopelak of Simsbury, and many nieces and nephews. His family will receive friends on Thursday, July 14th from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, July 15th at 11:00 AM at the Church of Saint Ann, 289 Arch Road, Avon. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations to honor his memory may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, Avon Dollars for Scholars, or the Church of Saint Ann. For directions or to leave condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Carlson, Janice



Janice Carlson spent her life caring for others. Local children, as both an elementary and pre-school teacher. Her parents, as they reached old age. A small, but close, circle of friends she maintained for decades. Her husband, Paul, of 43 years and her children, Chris and Jeff, as they navigated their lives. Jan, 75, died peacefully in her West Hartford

home on Wednesday, July, 6 from cancer. Born in Hartford, Conn. on Oct. 10, 1946, to Louise and Russell Risley, Jan graduated from Central Connecticut State Risley, Jan graduated from Central Connecticut State University and went on to become a teacher in the Wethersfield school system, teaching at Emerson Williams Elementary School. She met her husband, Paul, on a blind date in 1977, introduced by a mutual friend. They married just over a year later and were blessed with a loving marriage and family. Janice eventually retired to raise their two boys. Their homework became her homework. Their joy became her pride. Jeff is a successful accountant who lives in West Hartford. Chris is a surviving newspaper journalist in Syraguse. is a successful accountant who lives in West Hartford. Chris is a surviving newspaper journalist in Syracuse. She enjoyed looking after her home, yard and garden, as well as lunches and phone calls with a small group of lifelong friends, and caring for her family. In her final days of hospice care, Jan spent her time writing thankyou notes and managing to still dote on and enjoy her family, as she had done for decades. Jan was pre-deceased by her parents, Russell and Louise. She leaves behind her husband (Paul), sons (Chris and Jeff), a sister (Holly), two daughters-in-law (Julie and Asya), two grandchildren (Maya and Max) who she loved to watch play and grow, a nephew (Matthew) and a niece (Kristen) and that legacy of kindness. We will miss her so much and always be grateful for her gentle and thoughtful way. The family will hold a life celebration at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children or the American Cancer Society. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington is serving her family. To share a condolence, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Doremus, David



David Arthur Doremus, born June 7, 1941, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2022, surroundéd by his loving

Manchester, Connecticut, he was the son of Milton Doremus and Catherine Norris Doremus of Manchester. A graduate Manchester High School, Boston University and Williams College School of

David began his career in lending and finance at Hartford National Bank. After many years in banking, he made the courageous decision to follow his passion, go out on his own, and start a real estate and construction business. He would ultimately become a successful real estate broker and custom home builder. His successful career in construction awarded him numerous friendships with contractors and colleagues. In his later years, he went to work consulting at Windham

Sand & Stone and Builder's Concrete.

As a lifelong resident of Manchester, he had many enduring friendships, too numerous to count. Throughout his long and full life, he was a member of the Elks Club, British American Club, Manchester Country Club and served on various boards and committees. He loved to play golf, afternoon card games with his buddies at Manchester Country Club, shoot pool, ride his Harley Davidson, drive his numerous Corvettes throughout the years, including his prized 64' Stingray. He had a passion and respect for the ocean and owned several boats, including a Hatteras Sport Fisherman, which he docked at a slip at Mystic River Marina on Mason's Island. He enjoyed weekend trips on the water throughout New England with his family and friends. In his later years, he traded his boat to build a home on Martha's Vineyard to create a place for his wife, daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren to enjoy their summers. He was the epitome of 'cool' and one of the most poised, measured, and classiest people on the planet.

He married the love of his life, Anne Carey Doremus, on February 8, 1964, immediately being welcomed into Anne's clan of 12 Irish aunts and uncles and their many children, who were such a presence in his life. He and Anne travelled the world together, often returning to their favorite city of Paris.

David and Anne raised two daughters, Trace and Susan, in Manchester. Through his gentle guidance, he always believed they were capable of anything. He taught them how to drive lawn tractors, play basketball in the driveway, pilot, dock and secure lines on his boats. He was always in the front row of their dance and piano recitals, and his daughters never questioned that they were his number one priority in life. His daughters love him more than anything.

As his daughters met and married, he welcomed, as his own, two incredible sons-in-law, Matthew Maulucci and Steven D'Amico, who became his fishing buddies, golf partners, NASCAR race companions, personal mechanics, handymen, and best friends.

His pride and joy was being involved, on a daily basis, in the lives of his five grandchildren from the day each of them were born, to the day he passed: Jason David Maulucci, Jonathan V. Maulucci, Joseph M. Maulucci, Jordan A. D'Amico and Andrew David D'Amico. He was a role model and always present for them, traveling with them across the country, attending their games, school concerts and talking with them every single day.

David is predeceased by his beloved parents and grandparents. He his survived by his brother, Milton, sister Janet, wife Anne, daughters Trace and Susan, sons-in-law Matt and Steve, and grandchildren Jason, Jonathan, Jordan, Joseph, and Andrew.

Somewhere, in a place not so far away, his beloved parents and grandparents are taking him and his siblings to the beach; he's riding his Harley to the club to play pool with his friends; he's setting sail from the Mystic River to Block Island with his wife and daughters; he's pulling into the park in his Corvette to watch his grandchildren play a game; he's on a plane for Europe with Anne; he's on Martha's Vineyard with his whole family. He is in a better place.

Calling hours will be on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at Watkins/Manchester Funeral Home 142 East Center Street, Manchester, CT between 5:00pm and 8:00pm. A private family memorial will be held at a later date. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

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Kaplan, Muriel



"Cookie" Muriel Kaplan (Stepakoff), 86, of West Hartford, passed away peacefully (July 11, 2022) at her home of 34 years which she shared with her late, beloved, husband Ronald I. Kaplan for 60 years. Cookie, as she was lovingly called since child-hood, was an adored and dedicated wife, mother, nana, aunt and dear friend. Cookie was born at Mount Sinai Hospital, Hartford on May 21,

was born at Mount Sinai Hospital, Hartford on May 21, 1936. She was the cherished daughter of Myer and Minnie (Krazner) Stepakoff. She grew up in Hartford and moved to West Hartford at the age of 12. Cookie attended Emanuel Synagogue for Hebrew School and was one of the first girls to become a Bat Mitzvah. She graduated from William H. Hall High School, on South Main Street, West Hartford, 1954. Cookie attended Boston University for 2 years and then transferred to Bridgeport University where she graduated with a B.S. in Elementary Education, 1958. One week after graduation she married the love of her life moved to Waterbury Bridgeport University where she graduated with a B.S. in Elementary Education, 1958. One week after graduation she married the love of her life, moved to Waterbury and taught third grade at Wolcott Elementary. She then moved to and resided in Bloomfield where she raised her family for 27 years. Cookie taught nursery school at Emanuel Synagogue, West Hartford, CT for many years. Cookie and Ron resided in West Hartford, Old Saybrook, CT and Delray Beach, FL. Cookie was an extremely kind, caring and generous person. Her favorite things in life were laughing, dancing and traveling with Ronnie, spending quality time with her children and grandchildren, talking on the phone and being with her friends, reading at the beach, and dessert every evening with a cup of tea. She leaves her daughter, Lisa Kaplan Scherer and fiance, Jay Rubin, her son, Gregory Kaplan and his wife Elana Katz Kaplan and grandchildren Marisa Scherer Cheang and her husband, Zack Cheang, Michael Scherer, Danyella Kaplan and Jake Kaplan. Cookie also leaves her niece Eve Stepakoff Rosenbaum and her husband Stuart Rosenbaum and nephew Leif Stepakoff and his wife Chrissy Stepakoff, and nephew Jonah Stepakoff. Cookie was predeceased by her brother Harvey Stepakoff. Cookie was predeceased by her brother Harvey Stepakoff. Cookie was predeceased by her brother Harvey Stepakoff. Cookie will be sorely missed by all her dear and cherished friends and her amazing, loving caregivers, Hawa Bennett and Isorene Taylor-Mahoney. Many thanks to "Key" Home Care Assistance, West Hartford, for providing compassion, understanding and care for Cookie in her last year of life. Thank you also to the staff at Masonic Home Care and Hospice for making Cookie's last months and days comfortable. A graveside funeral service will be held with Rabbi Jeffrey Bennett officiating on Wednesday July 13, 2022 at 11:00AM at the Hartford Mutual Society Cemetery, 74 Wolcott Road, East Granby. Immediately following the service, the family will receive friends and other family members at 100 lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, Shriners Children's Hospital or any charity of your choice in memory of Cookie. May her memory be a source of strength and a blessing. Funeral arrangements provided by Hebrew Funeral Association, West Hartford.

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Wogman, Nancy Ellen (Johnson)



Nancy Ellen Johnson Wogman of Cromwell, CT, died on July 9, 2022 at the age of 76. She was born on May 13, 1946 in Swampscott, MA to the late Karl and Bernice

(Denmeyer) Johnson. attended schools in

She attended schools in Swampscott, MA and graduated from Swampscott High School in 1964. She graduated in 1968 from Upsala College with a degree in Sociology.

Nancy retired in 2018 as the Affiliate Director of Finance of the Future Problem Solving Program of Connecticut, Inc. Prior to that, she served as the Affiliate Director of Administration of FPSPof CT, an educational organization dedicated to preparing Connecticut's students for Administration of FPSPot CI, an educational organization dedicated to preparing Connecticut's students for the future by teaching them essential problem solving skills. It is an affiliate of the International Future Problem Solving Program. On the International level, Nancy has served on the Board of Trustees as the Technology Representative as well as their President. Previously, Nancy served as Christian Education Director at Bethany Lutheran Church, Director of the Children First Initiative in Meriden, and Director of Programs at the Connecticut Academy for Education in Mathematics, Science & Technology. She also spent six years as Public Relations Director at Lutheran Service years as Public Relations Director at Lutheran Service Association of New England, Inc. In these positions she produced newsletters, brochures, and press releases, coordinated the production of a videotape, spoke at conferences, coordinated annual funding appeals and conferences, collaborated with business, industry, government, and educational institutions and community organizations and trained and developed a network of

volunteers Nancy also taught elementary school, preschool and had been active for forty years in many civic and church-related volunteer activities. She was also pastpresident of the Cromwell Rotary Club. From 1989-1993 she served as president of New Englnad Women of the ELCA and also held many chapter positions with Lutheran Brotherhood and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

In her retirement she held a variety of offices in local organizations such as Green Mountain Conservation Group, Windsock Village Corp., and the Ladies Guild of First Christian Church of Freedom. One of her joys in retirement was learning to quilt and she made many for her family as well as donating them to the babies at Memorial Hospital as part of the ministry of First Christian Church

She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Lawrence Wogman of Cromwell, CT; her daughter, Kristen Baron and her husband Jonathan Baron of Trumbull, CT, her sons, Peter Wogman and his wife Stephine of New Haven, CT and Andrew Wogman and his wife Rachelle of Allentown, PA; her granddaughters, Rachel and Kylah Baron and Kaylee Wogman and grandsons, Isaiah and Elijah Wogman. She is further survived by her sisterin-law Joyce Bagnall and her husband, the Rev. Ronald Bagnall and their children, Karin Bagnall, Jon Mark Bagnall, David Bagnall, and Sarah Farrow, many cousins, and other relatives and friends. Along with her parents, Nancy was predeceased by brother, Stephen

Nancy loved being a pastor's wife and filling those varied roles, volunteering where needed, and caring for her brother, Steve, but most of all she treasured her family and making memories with her husband,

children and grandchildren. Calling hours will be on Saturday morning, July 16th from 10:00 to 11:00am prior to the service. The service will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 50 Court Street, Cromwell, CT at 11:00 am. The officiant will be Rev. Dr. Paul Krampitz. Burial of her ashes will take place at the Bethany Lutheran Church Memorial Garden followed by a reception in the church Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bethany Lutheran Church, 50 Court Street, Cromwell, CT, 06416, Mosaic, Sebethe Drive, Cromwell, CT 06416 or Camp Calumet, PO Box 236, W Ossipee, NH 03890. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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Curtis, Gregory S.

Gregory S. Curtis, 59, of Old Lyme passed away on July 6, 2022 after a long battle with leukemia. Greg leaves his wife Melissa, a son Jacob and a daughter Maggie. He is survived by his parents, five brothers and sisters and many nieces and nephews. He worked at Clarity Software Solutions in Madison as Senior Director of Infrastructure and Security. Previously he was employed by The Mohegan Tribe and Dell Technologies. He proudly served in the US Coast Guard Reserve for many years many years.

Depending upon the season, he loved skiing, swimming, biking, fishing, and birding, especially when accompanied by his two dogs, Folly and Moose. But his greatest joys are Jacob and Maggie. He was so proud of the incredible young adults they have become

A casual gathering will be held at the Thomas L. Neilan & Sons East Lyme Funeral Home 48 Grand Street, Niantic on July 14th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering, or The Garde Arts Center in New London CT. To leave an online condolence, please visit, www.neilanfuneralhome.com.

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Croza, Robert Eugene



Robert Eugene Croza, 100, beloved husband for 60 years of the late Mauricette J. Croza, passed away on Monday, July 11, 2022, at UConn Medical

the late Mauricette J. Croza, passed away on Monday, July 11, 2022, at UConn Medical Center in Farmington. Born in Soissons, France on July 25, 1921, son of the late Auguste Gilbert and Eugenie (Largnier) Croza, he was raised in France and immigrated to the United States in 1951 shortly after moved to Massachusetts and lived in Worcester and Springfield. After Robert's mother passed he returned to France for five years to be closer to his family. He then returned to the US and lived for many years in Portland, OR where he worked as a superintendent in several apartment buildings. He and his wife eventually returned to the East Coast to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren living in Hartford, Simsbury, and most recently in Barkhamsted with his daughter since 2013. In his spare time, Robert enjoyed working on electronics building radios and speakers and taking photographs. Robert was self-taught amateur photographer. He learned to develop his own pictures and enjoyed capturing landscapes and later his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He leaves his daughter, Chantal Brefort of Barkhamsted; six grandchildren, Jennifer Brefort of Ironton, OH, Jamie Olszewski and her husband Michael of Wolcott, Eric Brefort of East Granby, Christopher Brefort and his wife Deanna of East Granby, and Claire Gagnon and her husband Al of Clearwater, FL; nine great-grandchildren, Emily Brefort, Charlie and Sophia Olszewski, Laura Breau, Aryn Gaughan, Jordan Brefort, Alexa Brefort, Damien and Kieran Gagnon; and two nephews and two nieces all of France. Besides his loving wife, he was predeceased by a brother, Fernand Croza. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home in Granby has care of the private and at the convenience of the family. private and at the convenience of the family. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home in Granby hás caré of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Parker, Edward Joseph



Edward Joseph Parker of South Windsor, CT, formally of East Haven, CT passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 10, 2022 at Hartford Hospital surround-

ed by his family.
Edward "Ed" was born on
September 21, 1928 in
Brooklyn, NY, the son of the
late Joseph and Mary Parker.

He had a great childhood growing up and running the streets of Brooklyn with this three older siblings, Joseph, Thomas and Mary. In 1950, he married the love of his life, Elizabeth "Betty" Parker, née McGregor, who predeceased him in 1987. Their three nolliding a son Edward Ir, who died in inchildren, including a son, Edward Jr., who died in infancy, were the most important people in the world to Ed until the very end. His life revolved around his beloved twin daughters, Jeanne and Eileen, and he could not have been more proud of the women they became. After three decades of sharing a home and a life, Jeanne Parker predeceased Ed in 2017. Eileen Marchessault and her husband Thomas Marchessault of South Windsor, CT, were extremely close to their dad, spending every holiday together, travelling the world together, and ultimately living together at the end of Ed's life.

To the rest of his family, Ed was Papa – and Papa was the best. His grandchildren and their families will miss him fiercely, but are so grateful for every minute they got to spend with him. His granddaughter Beth Marchessault, her husband Christopher Boutin, and sons Abel and Owen Boutin of Milton, VT thank Papa for all the books he handed down each Christmas, the parenting advice on raising twins, teaching Chris how to properly carve a duck, and for making sure Abel and Owen have the recipe for "Mr. Ed's Famous Ribs". His grandson Matt Marchessault, his wife Kayla, and

their daughter Nora of St. Albans, VT, think often of the trips they got to take with Papa and are so grateful he was able to meet and hold his great-granddaughter. It's worth noting that baby Nora was perhaps the only person ever to rival his own daughters for affection in

His granddaughter Donna Marchessault of Homestead, FL will miss the weekly calls discussing their shared love of books, Papa's commitment to always cooking her favorite meals, and the gracious way he showed up the very knowledgeable tour guide she found on a family trip to Normandy in 2018 with his impressive familiarity with WWII history.

In his younger years, Ed was an airborne infantryman and an entrepreneur – serving first with the Merchant Marines during WWII, and then the 11th Airborne Division as a paratrooper, and starting and selling EZ Form Cable Corporation in New Haven to bookend his 54 year career. Still, at 93, Ed had a workout ethic, culinary skills, and a daily reading quota that surpassed everyone around him. It was his way of committing each day to what he valued most – his health, time with family over a special meal, and learning as much as he could in the time he had. His family will miss him

greatly but will carry on that legacy.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 14th at St. Margaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Road in South Windsor, CT. Burial will be in the Long Island National Cemetery. Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home in South Windsor is caring for the arrangements. For online condolences and guest book, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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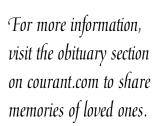
In Loving Memory Of ANDREW SORRENTINO



7/12/2000-5/6/2018

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Boating tragedies largely preventable

Distractions, alcohol and no life jacket prove a deadly mix as state fatalities on water increase

By Christine Woodside Conn. Health I-Team

On a warm, slightly overcast Sunday afternoon on Aug. 8, 2021, boaters near the Salmon River boat launch on the Connecticut River in East Haddam noticed a personal watercraft drifting without a rider.

Less than an hour later, state environmental police recovered a man's body floating nearby in a no-wake zone. Stephen Fabian, 59, of Moodus, had fallen off the watercraft and drowned. State environmental officials said his life jacket was ill-fitting and had slid up around his head, and the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection reported that his blood-alcohol level was well over the legal intoxication limit.

"The way he died was tragic," his best friend, Dana Pitts of Westbrook, said. Fabian, a former licensed practical nurse, had once rescued a boater after a

crash on the Connecticut River and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation until medical personnel arrived, his family reported.

As a boating accident, Fabian's was as typical as it was sad. The great majority of boating accidents in the United States occur because people fail to pay attention, wear life jackets, or are using substances, said Walt Taylor, recreational boating safety specialist for the U.S. Coast Guard in Boston.

In 2021, the Coast Guard reported 43 boating accidents and seven deaths in Connecticut. In 2020, there were more boating accidents in Connecticut — 54 —

but fewer deaths, three, according to the Coast Guard's annual Recreational Boating Statistics report.

The data does not include a boating accident on the Connecticut River on Sunday during which at least one person died and seven people were injured, according to officials said.

Small though these numbers are, what's striking about the fatalities is that all of them could have been prevented. Taylor said he avoids calling boating mishaps accidents, preferring the word "incidents," since they are often the result of choices

Five of the seven men who died

boating in Connecticut waters in 2021 were not wearing life jackets, and a sixth, Fabian, wore an ill-fitting one. Had they been wearing proper life jackets — technically known as personal floatation devices or PFDs — they likely would have survived, Taylor said. The seventh died of blunt force trauma.

As in Connecticut, nationally, boating accidents declined in 2021 to 4,439 from 5,265 in 2020. But unlike in Connecticut, boating fatalities nationwide also declined from 2020 to 2021, from 767 to 658.

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Hospital systems driving up costs

As they acquire more physician practices, patients pay the price

By Katy Golvala and Dave Altimari CT Mirror

In 1999, Kristie Schmidt, an internal medicine physician, opened a practice in Millerton, NY., just a mile from the Connecticut border.

The office was located in a cozy, refurbished barn. Sharon Hospital provided her with a loan, which it eventually forgave, to help her get up and running. Her small staff included her husband at the time, who managed the billing, and a nurse who doubled as the secretary and knew every patient by name.

But after about a decade, the challenges of running a small business came to a head.

"It became increasingly difficult to make an adequate living," she said.

So in 2012, Schmidt joined a large group practice called Mid Hudson Medical Group. Under the agreement, Mid Hudson got a cut of what she made from patient visits. But, because of its size, the company was able to negotiate higher rates from insurers, so Schmidt still took home more than she did when practicing independently. Plus, Mid Hudson took over back-office tasks, like billing, that were taking up time and energy.

"My income went up some, and the hassle factor went way down," said Schmidt. "It was a relief to not have to go broke."

As the health care industry becomes more and more concentrated, some small private practices like Schmidt's find it difficult to compete with big health care systems. So, instead, they're joining the pre-

As of January, hospitals owned 26% of physician practices

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Gov. Ned Lamont speaks to top transportation officials at a hotel ballroom in downtown Hartford. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Lamont touts upgrades to express train service

Upcoming \$5B in federal funds a chance to make a 'transformational difference'

By Christopher Keating Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — At a time when more federal infrastructure money is headed to Connecticut than any point in state history, Gov. Ned Lamont announced Monday that more express trains are now running on the Metro-North Commuter Railroad.

In an attempt to speed commuters to work centers like Stamford and New York City, the state added six new trains on the New Haven Line starting Monday, along with seven new weekday trains on the Waterbury branch.

Those include three trains leaving New Haven during the morning rush at 5:09 a.m., 5:41 a.m., and 7:52 a.m., along with three express trains returning from New York City in the late afternoon and early evening.

Since the gubernatorial campaign of 2018, Lamont — a Greenwich resident since the 1980s — has spoken about the need to improve the railroad ride to Manhattan. The express trains will make the trip from Manhattan to New Haven in 1 hour and 39 minutes, which Lamont says would be the fastest time in a decade.

Besides hailing the improve-

ments during an event in Bridgeport, Lamont traveled to Hartford to speak to a crowd of more than 300 top transportation officials at a major conference at the Marriott Hartford Downtown. He focused on the federal infrastructure bill that will be pouring \$1.25 trillion into infrastructure nationwide, including more than \$5 billion in Connecticut.

"There are very few times where you make a transformational difference," Lamont told the ballroom crowd, including state transportation commissioners from New York and Louisiana. "I think this is one of those unique

times where, in transportation, we can make that difference. We had canals in the early 1800s. Then we had railroads throughout most of the 1800s. Then you had Model As and Model Ts and the beginning of roads. Then we had the highway system. Every generation or so, there is an opportunity to make a transformational difference. I think right here, right now, is our opportunity to make a transformational difference."

tional difference."

He added, "I can say for Connecticut ... this is long over-

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A showcase for local creators

Long-vacant storefront in downtown Hartford now home to The CAF

By Ahjané Forbes

Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The CAF by Cafeteria wants to set the record straight by telling their customers "Tm not takeout." The new store, by the Hartford arts and events organizer Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, showcases the work of local designers in a long-vacant storefront.

Before cutting the ribbon at the entrance in downtown Hartford, Mayor Luke Bronin exclaimed, "Go Hartford!" — calling the opening a big win for the city.

The idea of The CAF started from Hartford's Winterfair, a 23-day pop-up event that used vacant storefronts in Downtown Hartford to sell products from local artists and small vendors. Starting in 2021, Winterfair brought together 118 local artists, raised about \$120,000 in revenue and



Mayor Luke Bronin and members of Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner cut the ribbon on the arts and event organization's new store, The CAF by Cafeteria on Trumbull Street in Hartford Friday. **COURANT STAFF PHOTO**

attracted 12,000 people to the city. After seeing this success, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner wanted to make the holiday-themed pop-up shop a year around fixture.

"We had the idea of kind of almost making a gift shop [with] a bunch of our friends, a bunch of local designers that we admire," said Joshua Jenkins, the co-owner of Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. "What would it look like to have all of these different brands and products under one roof?"

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Equity panel eyeing cannabis candidates

Nearly two-thirds of over 37K license applicants hope to benefit underrepresented communities

By Stephen Singer Hartford Courant

Connecticut officials are about to take their first look at business owners who hope to benefit Black and other underrepresented communities by setting up shop in the lucrative cannabis industry.

The Social Equity Council, established to make sure the adultuse cannabis program is grown equitably and that money earned in sales is returned to the communities hit hardest by past government drug policy, is set to meet Tuesday and ravious applications.

ties hit hardest by past government drug policy, is set to meet Tuesday and review applications. Nearly two-thirds of the nearly 37,300 applications to start a cannabis enterprise in Connecticut want to participate in the social equity side of the business

intended to reverse the damage to

underrepresented communities

Andrea Comer, chair of the council, cited as reasons for the success of that side of the business factors such as no limits to the number of applications and lower application cost, Other reasons may explain its popularity.

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by the government's war on drugs.

"It tells us that there (is) awareness in the state about the opportunities being extended to people in Disproportionately Impacted Areas to ensure equity in the adultuse cannabis program," she said.

The council will review the selected applicants to make sure they meet qualifying criteria and vote to accept recommendations for approval or denial for social equity status. Applicants will then move to the next review at the state Department of Consumer Protection.

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Lowering of flags honors Newtown fire chief

By Ahjané Forbes Hartford Courant

Gov. Ned Lamont ordered U.S. and state flags lowered to half-staff in honor of Sandy Hook Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company Fire Chief William Halstead, who died Friday after responding to a call.

After responding to a call in the evening, Halstead returned to his home and became ill.

Despite the efforts of Sandy Hook fire personnel and the Newtown volunteer ambulance corps, police department, paramedics and emergency communications center team, Halstead was pronounced dead shortly after the incident.

"Chief Halstead provided decades of service to the community in which he grew up and the community he loved. His dedication is exemplary, and we are lucky to have leaders like him protecting the residents of Connecticut," Lamont said in a statement. "His passing after responding to a call in the line of duty is heartbreaking, and I send my deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and fellow firefighters from the Sandy Hook Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company."

Halstead, 73, joined the Sandy Hook Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co. on his 16th birthday in 1965 and became chief in 1978. Halstead was also Newtown's emergency management director and previously served as the town's fire marshal.

"Chief Halstead exemplified what it meant to be a true public servant, providing decades of selfless service to his beloved community," Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz said. "Our state's firefighters are some of the most courageous citizens in Connecticut, and we will forever be indebted to their service. My most sincere condolences go out to Chief Halstead's family, friends, colleagues and the Sandy Hook community."

MANCHESTER Woman dead in wrong-way crash

A woman from Windsor Locks was killed late Sunday night in a wrong-way crash on Interstate 291 in Manchester, police said.

Samantha Smith, 31, was driving the wrong way on I-291 East when she struck a tractor-trailer head-on in her Toyota Tacoma pickup truck near Exit 5 around 11:43 p.m., according to Connecticut State Police Troop H.

Smith's truck came to a stop in the left lane of the highway while the tractor-trailer, driven by a man from New Hampshire, stopped against a concrete barrier and was blocking two lanes of oncoming traffic, police

Smith, from Windsor Locks, was pronounced dead at the scene, police said. The driver of the tractor-trailer did not suffer any serious injuries but was taken to Hartford Hospital for evaluation, police said.

- Taylor Hartz

HARTFORD 1 killed, 2 injured in overnight crash

A man was killed and two other men were seriously injured in a car crash in Hart-

ford early Monday morning. Police responded to the area of New Britain Avenue and Fairfield Avenue around 12:57 a.m. Monday for reports of a serious motor vehicle crash involving a gray Ford Focus and a black Nissan Altima, according to the

Hartford Police Department. The driver of the Ford, 33-year-old Jermal McCall of Hartford, was taken to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead, police said. A 33-year-old man who was riding in the passenger seat of the Ford was taken to a hospital with serious injuries. He was listed in serious condition as of

Monday morning, police said. The 29-year-old male driver of the Nissan was also taken to a local hospital with serious injuries. He remained in serious but stable condition as of Monday morning, police said.

- Taylor Hartz

Waterford man dies in Portland boat crash that injured 7 others

By Taylor Hartz Hartford Courant

A man from Waterford was killed and seven people, including two children, were injured when a boat crashed into a rocky shoreline near Gildersleeve Island on the Connecticut River in Portland on Sunday, officials said.

Six adults and two children were on the 21-foot-long Yamaha jet boat that was driving north on the river about 5 p.m. Sunday when the boat suddenly veered toward the shoreline and smashed into a rocky area, sending people flying off the boat, according to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

"What we know so far is that they were heading north on the river," Williams said, according to WTNH. "We're not sure as far as the circumstances, what caused the operator to lose control of the helm, but from what we understand he lost control of the helm, of the wheel for some reason. That's all under investigation right now, and the boat veered off course and made a direct shot for the shoreline, and probably went 50 or so feet along the rocky shoreline."

Wayne Hamler, 60, of Waterford, died from the injuries he suffered in the crash, DEEP said.

A 45-year-old woman was still in critical condition Monday afternoon, and a 6-year-old boy was suffering from serious injuries at Connecticut Children's Medical Center, but his condition was stabilized, officials said.

A 52-year-old woman and a 59-year-old man were also still in the hospital in stable condition, officials said.

In total, seven people received medical treatment at Hartford Hospital and CCMC on Sunday following the crash. The other

child and two adults were treated and released, officials said.

Williams said the other child, whose age was not specified, was under the age of 12.

In a statement released Monday afternoon, a spokesperson for DEEP said, "We offer our most sincere condolences to the family and friends of the people involved."

The Connecticut Environmental Conservation Police, Middletown Fire Department and Portland police and fire departments responded to the scene on the river. The Environmental Conservation police and boat accident reconstruction unit were still investigating the cause of the

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has any information is asked to contact Environmental Conservation Officer Megan Erikson about case number 22-10902 at 800-842-4357.

Boating

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An estimated 80% of U.S. boating deaths last year were from drowning after falling overboard, according to the Coast Guard's report. And of those who drowned, 83% of them were not wearing life jackets. Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in boating accidents and the primary reason for 16% of accidents nationwide, the report said.

Boaters are legally intoxicated with blood alcohol levels of .08%, or .02% for those under age 21. And Connecticut law requires that people carry life jackets on board and that children under 12 wear one while on a deck. Everyone on board a "manually propelled" boat, such as a canoe or kayak, is required to wear life jackets between Oct. 1 and May 31.

The problem, Taylor acknowledged, is that once a boat starts capsizing, it's too late to grab the PFDs and put them on.

"Nobody plans on going out on the boat and, quote, accidentally falling overboard," Taylor said. "It's the same rationale as not putting your seatbelt on until the moment you need it. In the event you do find yourself in the water, it's too late."

Fabian's death and most of the other boating fatalities in Connecticut last year are grim proof of that statement. On April 10, a kayak capsized in Long Meadow Pond in Middlebury. The 26-year-old paddler struggled and submerged, drowning despite witnesses' efforts to find and rescue him. His body was found the next day. Officials said he wore no life jacket and had

marijuana in his bloodstream and a blood alcohol content of .012.

On May 8, Michael Lowell, 58, of Putnam, was fishing from a kayak in the Quinebaug River in Pomfret. Two companions in other boats paddled upstream, and when they returned, they could not find Lowell and reported him missing. Later, his overturned boat was found many miles downstream and his body floating 198 yards away from it, DEEP reported. Officials determined he had drowned; he wore

On June 8, Philip Blouin, 50, who had gone fishing in a motorized canoe the previous night, was found dead after his family reported him missing. He wore no life jacket, his blood alcohol was .180 and THC was detected in his bloodstream. In addition, officials said he had no required safe boating certificate, and the trolling motor on the unregistered boat had fishing line wrapped around it.

On July 10, two men launched a canoe in Stamford and capsized near the Woodway Beach Club. Four lifeguards from the club rescued and tried to revive Lorenzo Macua, 63, of Norwalk, but he was pronounced dead at Stamford Hospital. The second canoeist, 50, wasn't identified, but officials said he swam to shore and was unhurt. Neither of them wore a life jacket.

Akida Edwards, 45, of New York City, ventured out in a kayak at night in Wyassup Lake in North Stonington on Sept. 25. He was reported missing. Divers found his body late the next morning. DEEP said he drowned after falling out of the boat and that alcohol and drugs were found in his

The only non-drowning boating accident last year happened on July 27, when 18-year-old Matthew A. Horvath of Shelton and a friend were riding their personal watercrafts off Cedar Beach in Milford when they collided. Horvath, a varsity soccer player who graduated from Shelton High School that spring, died of blunt force trauma. Officials did not identify the other rider, who was not hurt. DEEP officials said neither wore a life jacket and that speed may have contributed to the crash. Alcohol was detected in Horvath's system, DEEP spokesman Matt Healey said.

"Anyone operating a personal watercraft should understand that it is a motor vehicle, similar to a car but on water," Healey said. "Before getting on the water, operators should take safe boating courses and obtain their certificate of personal watercraft operation. Lifejackets should be worn at all times, and safe speeds should be maintained. Alcohol should never be consumed when getting in or on the water or when perating any type of vessel."

Not paying attention is the deadly cause of most boating accidents in the United States, Taylor said. Even when they are sober, distraction is a big factor. He said people pay too much attention to their radar, fish finding, and navigation devices. "A lot of times, people get so fixed on those things that they're not looking right in front of them."

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Cannabis

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The war on drugs dating to the administration of President Richard Nixon in the 1970s has come under greater scrutiny and criticism. Black suspects and other people of color were disproportionately prosecuted while white defendants who had greater access to lawyers avoided the full impact of prosecution.

"It's unconscionable we'd legalize something that people have been criminalized and not make space at the table for those harmed by the war on drugs," Comer said in a recent interview.

State lawmakers who legalized marijuana production and sale in Connecticut last year were tripped up over social equity provisions. A threatened veto by Gov. Ned Lamont, who ultimately signed the bill into law, focused on a provision that gave preference to those previously arrested on a marijuana-related charge. The legislation was sent three times to the Senate.

Connecticut became the 19th state last year to legalize adult-use cannabis. Since July 1, 2021, adults 21 or older could purchase and possess up to 1.5 ounces of marijuana, or up to 5 ounces locked at home or in a vehicle's glove box or trunk.

A total of 56 licenses will be split evenly between general licenses and those for Social Equity businesses. Twelve will be available for retailers; four each for micro-cultivators and hybrid (adult and medical use) retailers, 10 each for delivery service and food and beverage businesses, six each for packagers and manufacturers and four for transporters.

Ginne-Rae Clay, interim executive director of the Social Equity Council, said the council also will vote on a logo and the hiring of an operator of an accelerator program to help the new enterprises be successful. It will teach ways to avoid predatory lending, understanding partnerships and operating agreements and other business

Sorting through the applications is a complicated business. Those reviewing the applications, in addition to the Social Equity Council, are the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy and Cohn-Reznik, an advisory, assurance and tax firm that will review applicants' income, residency and ownership and control.

Comer said she believes the program will be successful if revenue from sales taxes and license fees are reinvested in communities most harmed by the government's past drug policies and helps create intergenerational wealth.

"Success for us is to say, even if it wasn't perfect, we made conditions better in terms of the cannabis space from an equity perspective," she said.

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CAF

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Showcasing artists from Bloomfield, Bridgeport, New Britain, New Haven and Windsor, The CAF is welcoming creators from all over Connecticut. Although the store is primarily selling men's and women's clothing, Jenkins says there will be an open shelf or rack available for artists' work.

"It's a treat to help bring it back to life, bring new ideas, new designs, new brands to the space and to the City of Hartford," Jenkins said. "We're just happy to celebrate this and give an example of what can happen when you give kids with big dreams just space and very little resources and you can see how much the city can transform."

One shopper came for the ribbon-cutting and to look for some clothing items for the fall and winter season. Joshua Gardner, a Windsor resident, said he likes the convenience of the downtown store.

"It's right here," Gardner said. "It saves you some time from going to

Gardner is not shopping for a



The CAF by Cafeteria on Trumbull Street in Hartford offers the work of local designers. COURANT STAFF PHOTO

specific artist, he hopes to find a specific item to wear during the colder months.

"The oversized sweaters are going to be perfect for fall — those nice fall days when you can still wear shorts." Gardner said. "The ladies love it."

Wearing some clothes from his brand, Demuerte, Jenkins goal is to support local artists. Nekord, one of the brands that The CAF offers, has already gained success since the store opened in June.

"Some cargo trousers that did really well like we already sold out of them," Jenkins said.

Speaking on the organization's success, Bronin said he's pleased to see the progress the store has made. "This is exactly what we hoped

for when Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner launched Winterfair," Bronin said. "The idea was to experiment, bring some pop-ups, and then hopefully use that as a chance to build and turn that into longer-term retail establishments for local entrepreneurs,

local businesses in the City of Hart-

A variety of different stores will be opening soon on Trumbull and Pratt Streets to appeal to a variety of tastes. Each store will be different and there should be options for

Now that the space is occupied, there is hope for continuing innovation in the city. Bronin said he believes that filling the city's storefronts will draw people back to

"This is a big win because this is one of the more prominent spaces in the city," Bronin said.

Local artists can complete a submission form on the company's website if they would like to have their work displayed in the store.

"Ultimately, our goal is to try to find ways to just make the City of Hartford a fun, vibrant and robust city for all of us to work, live in, play in and congregate with one another," Jenkins said.

The CAF is located on 229 Trumbull St. and is open on Thursdays and Fridays from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays 11 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays 11 p.m. to 6 p.m. Find the store at cafeteria.fm/thecaf.

Trains

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Statewide, Connecticut will receive \$5.38 billion over the next five years or approximately \$1 billion per year. This includes \$3.29 billion for major road projects, \$1.3 billion for buses and railroads, \$561 million to strengthen bridges, and \$100 million for extending internet broadband coverage around the state and to low-income families.

The infrastructure money will help pay for repairing crumbling platforms at train stations across the state, along with creating charging stations for electric cars at 30 locations along the interstate highways, as well as city and rural roads. A major project includes improving the Gold Star Bridge

on Interstate 95 in New London is important in order to handle large trucks that are currently too heavy to cross the aging bridge.

Separately, in the immediate term, the extra express trains are already here.

"Our rail is 15 to 20 minutes slower today than it was a generation ago," Lamont said. "Our highways are congested, and there are things we can do to make a difference. This is our opportunity to do

On the Waterbury branch, the weekday trains will increase to 22, up from the current 15 — representing an increase of 47%. That includes three new northbound trains and four southbound to help commuters in the Naugatuck

Metro-North president Cath-

erine Rinaldi said the upgrades will deliver "the highest level of service on the Waterbury branch in history."

During remarks from the podium in Hartford, state transportation commissioner Joseph Giulietti surprised some when he said that the sometimes-criticized busway from New Britain to Hartford could be converted to light rail.

Giulietti told reporters later that it was simply a conceptual idea that he has, and the large DOT bureaucracy has not moved forward to make that happen.

"Do we actually have a study that has turned around and identified that as a [light rail] corridor? No," Giulietti said. "We're years away from being able to do it. There's not enough ridership there that I would push it. But do I envision it?

Yes. ... It is conceptual, and I don't want to press any alarms." Republicans have blasted the

busway for years as being overly expensive, and they battled against then-Gov. Dannel P. Malloy in both the House and Senate in an unsuccessful effort to block it.

Generally, putting in a light rail system in the past cost \$50 million to \$85 million per year, he said. But inflation recently has sharply boosted transportation costs.

"We're all having to redo our numbers because between the supply chain and what has happened in terms of bids coming in and the cost of labor, things are going up," Giulietti said. "So I can't give you a concrete number."

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Mountain lion sightings disputed by DEEP

Officials say people likely seeing bobcats, coyotes, house cats

By Pam McLoughlin Hartford Courant

DEEP officials on Monday disputed recent reports of mountain lion sightings in Connecticut.

Brian Hess, a wildlife biologist for the state's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, said they couldn't have seen a mountain lion because the animals don't live in Connecticut or anywhere near it.

Residents in a Woodbridge neighborhood reportedly spotted a mountain lion last week, according to the Woodbridge Police Department.

The animal was spotted Friday in the areas of Salem Road and

Pease Road. At one point, a family reported that they spotted the mountain lion in their backyard not far from their home, according to a statement by the police.

The police also provided tips if someone were to come across or see a big cat like a mountain lion.

These were reported to CT DEEP and, though the sightings may not have been confirmed as true mountain lion sightings, this post is to spread awareness on the issue in case you're presented with such a situation," police said. Even though DEEP fields a

couple of hundred calls per year regarding mountain lion "sightings," Hess said the closest population in North America is in western Nebraska and the western Dakotas.

What people are likely seeing are bobcats, coyotes or even house cats mistook for cougars, Hess

He said those mistaken sights can have a psychological compo-

"It captures the imagination in an entertaining way to say there's a big predator out there," Hess said, noting that "myths persist,"

Although the DEEP never wavers on the mountain lion in Connecticut issue, there remains hearty debate on the subject from others. The debate also persists in other states where authorities claim the animals don't reside despite sightings there, too.

Woodbridge Regional Animal Control Officer Karen Lombardi said although "99 percent" of the sighting photographs they receive are of bobcats, she believes Connecticut does have some mountain lions. Though Lombardi said there is no evidence the recent reports are credible.

"I do think they exist in Connecticut. I do think there have been verified sightings," she said. But Lombardi added that they likely, "avoid humans at all costs."

The debate about whether there are mountain lions in Connecticut resurfaced in a big way in 2011, when there were several sightings in Greenwich prior to a mountain lion being found dead on the side of the road on route 15 in Milford.

DEEP said at the time they were "taking the reports seriously," but it was believed the mountain lion killed in Milford was the same animal seen in Greenwich.

It was eventually determined the young male mountain lion originally came from South Dakota, based on sightings and the content of its stomach.

Hess said this week the reason why DEEP knows mountain lions aren't here is that "there's no evidence suggesting they're here." If they were here there would be verified tracks, photographs and

scat (poop), Hess said. He said house cats have often been mistaken for mountain lions when it's difficult to show scale,

including on cameras. Bobcats are often mistaken for mountain lions, as well. One of the key distinctions is that bobcats have a short tail and cougars a long one, but both Hess and Lombardi said it can appear a bobcat has a long tail the way its leg goes up when it runs. Hess said bobcats are spotted, but there are variations in the nature of the distinctiveness of spots from a distance. Mountain lions are much bigger

than bobcats, he said. Hess said people's minds tend to "fill in the gaps."

"People might not get a great view," he said.

La Toquilla brings flavors of Ecuador to the capital area

Restaurant finds opportunity in 21 Oak closure: 'Sadness for one person is happiness for another'

By Susan Dunne Hartford Courant

La Toquilla, an Ecuadorian eatery that specializes in the foods of the coastal Manabi province, has opened in Manchester in the former location of the plant-based restaurant 21 Oak.

"There is an old saying in Ecuador: Sadness for one person is happiness for another," said La Toquilla's chef, Roberta Alarcon.

The pandemic ended the 6-yearrun of 21 Oak, which was forced to close in December. But there still was potential and a fully built kitchen in the building. Co-owners Fabricio Macias and Luis Zambrano grabbed it, and three weeks ago they brought Alarcon here from Ecuador to help cook the authentic meals.

"It is hard in Ecuador now. It is expensive to live and people don't have enough money," said Alar-con, who speaks English from her years working at popular tourist spots in Quito, the nation's capital. She studied cuisine in Quito at university, where she met Zambrano, and has 17 years

of experience in all levels of the restaurant industry.

Alarcon said when the owners moved to the United States and settled in Hartford, they looked for a nearby restaurant that served the foods they liked when they lived in Portoviejo, the capital of Manabi. They couldn't find one.

So they opened their own to bring these flavors to the capital area. They named it La Toquilla, after the palm trees common on Ecuador's coast. Zambrano, who has worked at La Piolin Peruvian restaurant in Hartford and Rasham Pakistani restaurant in Windsor, was happy to return to his native cuisine.

"Manabi has the best food in Ecuador," Alarcon said. "There is a lot of seafood because it is on the beach. Plantains are used in everything. We use peanut, coconut, cheese, rice every day, even at

The cozy restaurant has a mural of a chiva, a colorful doubledecker bus common in Ecuador. with people down below and produce and livestock up above.

"You see them everywhere. Now



A mural of a chiva, an Ecuadorian double-decker bus, is on display at La Toquilla. SUSAN DUNNE/HARTFORD COURANT

they are used for parties," Alarcon said. Music by Ecuadorian singers, especially the late superstar Julio Jaramillo, plays on a screen.

The restaurant opens at 10 a.m. seven days a week, so breakfast is first on the menu. Almost all breakfast entrees are made with mashed green plantains, with cheese (\$10); pork (\$12); cheese and pork (\$14); cheese, eggs and beef stew (\$16); chicharron, eggs and beef stew (\$17); a mix of them all (\$18); and the stew alone (\$15).

Chuzos (\$10) is a showy appetizer: three skewers of beef with bell peppers and topped with little chorizo links cut to resemble crowns. Empanadas are made with cheese (\$7) or chicken or beef (\$8). Other appetizers include salchipapas (\$7) and corviche de pescado (\$8), which is a dough made with bananas, spices and peanuts and stuffed with fish.

Thin, crispy plantain chips are served with meals, with a tasty dipping sauce made from mayonnaise, lemon, mustard, relish, onions and cilantro.

Ecuadorian specialties are tuna soup (\$18) and beef tripe stew (\$18). Chaulafan, a fried rice dish with chicken, beef or a combo, is \$17 to \$20 and is served with colorful flowers as a garnish.

Coastal flavors include ceviche with shrimp (\$19); fish (\$18); shrimp and fish (\$23); or fish, shrimp, octopus and crab (\$25); seafood rice (\$25), fried fish (\$25); and fish filet (\$18).

Moros — rice with lentils — are served with chicken (\$20), pork chop (\$18), beef (\$22) or pork rib

On the grill, Macias, Zambrano and Alarcon cook chicken, steak,

pork chops, sausage, shrimp, with dishes ranging from \$17 to \$32 for the multi-meat platter.

Ecuadorian beverages include passionfruit and blackberry juices, as well as Güitig sparkling water from Ecuador. And of course, coffee. Both Arabica and Robusta coffee beans are grown in Ecuador, and the population appreciates its native crop. Alarcon loves coffee so much that in the middle of her forearms are two tats dedicated to coffee.

"Everybody loves coffee in Ecuador. You can't have a meal

without coffee," she said. La Toquilla, 21 Oak St., Manchester, is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. latoquillallc.com and 860-645-0398.

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Hospitals

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nationwide, up from 14% a decade ago. An additional 27% of practices were owned by a corporation, such as a health insurer or a private equity firm, leaving fewer than half of physician practices under independent ownership.

But, to the patient, does it really matter whether practices are owned independently or by a health system?

Hartford HealthCare officials highlighted a 2019 report, paid for by the American Hospital Association, an industry lobbying group, that argued that mergers are beneficial for patients.

But independent research shows that, as big hospital systems acquire more and more physician practices, patients end up paying more for the same level of care.

Schmidt's practice is now part of Nuvance Health, a group of seven hospitals in Western Connecticut and the Hudson River Valley. In addition to working at her own practice, she also worked as a full attending physician at Sharon for a decade and is still on staff at the hospital.

She said that, in the time since she started her career, health care has suffered the same fate as retail, for example, where big businesses such as Amazon and Walmart have moved in and made it impossible for small players to survive.

She particularly worries about the impact of this trend on rural communities like hers, where delivering care may not be seen as profitable for big systems.

"My big concern is that when I first started here 22 years ago, there were 10 internal medicine doctors. Now, we're down to four, and I'm the youngest," said Schmidt, who is 61 and hopes to continue practicing until 70. "I just want health care in this community to continue to be available."

The fight for physicians: The issue of hospitals swallowing up small private practices — often referred to as "vertical integration" - is playing out between two health systems in Hartford.

Saint Francis Hospital, owned

by Trinity Health of New England, has filed a federal lawsuit alleging that Hartford HealthCare is pushing it out of the market by buying up doctors' practices, particularly in lucrative specialties such as cardiology and orthopedics.

The lawsuit has garnered the attention of the Attorney General's

"We are monitoring the suit against Hartford HealthCare and are aware of the serious allegations. We are also observing broader consolidation in the health care industry and are concerned about the possible impacts on patients and workers," Attorney General William Tong wrote in an email.

Reports filed to the Office of Health Strategy show that, of the state's large hospital systems, Hartford HealthCare has been acquiring physician practices most actively over the last several years.

Since 2015, Hartford Health-Care has acquired 14 practices and 59 doctors, according to publicly available notices of material change, which must be filed with the state to report "any transaction that results in a material change to the business or corporate structure of a group

Hartford HealthCare says its behavior does not qualify as "anti-competitive," as the lawsuit claims. In a motion to dismiss the case, the corporation's lawyers argued that Saint Francis, as part of a hospital chain much larger than HHC. should use its massive financial advantage to acquire and retain physicians, instead of trying to stifle competition.

"Hartford HealthCare and other competing systems in Connecticut have indeed successfully competed to recruit some physicians to their systems who formerly practiced at St. Francis. That leaves St. Francis with a choice. One option is to compete harder to recruit and retain physicians," the motion

Trinity Health of New England has not acquired a single physician practice since 2015, according to reports filed with OHS.

In an emailed statement, a spokesperson for Trinity confirmed that Saint Francis has not acquired an entire physician practice over the last four years but has hired

individual doctors as needed. Instead of competing for physicians by acquiring group practices, Saint Francis claims to bring in new talent by "ensuring we provide the highest quality of care ... attracting physicians to use Saint Francis to treat their patients most effectively."

Price increases: When doctors join big hospital groups, it drives up costs for patients in two ways,

some research has shown. First, hospital systems are able to negotiate higher rates with insurance companies than private practices for the same level of care. So, when a practice gets acquired by a

hospital system, its prices go up. The bigger the hospital market share, the more market power, the higher the prices," said Meredith Rosenthal, the co-author of a May 2022 study documenting price increases at acquired physician

practices in Massachusetts. The second way vertical integration drives up prices is because acquired physicians are more likely to send their patients to hospitals within the system for follow-up services, such as blood work, imaging and outpatient surgery. While this allows all of a patient's records to stay within the system, these services tend to cost more at hospitals than they do at independent facilities.

"That change in referral patterns actually leads to a pretty sizable increase in prices," said Christopher Whaley, a policy researcher with the RAND corporation who has studied the economic effects of vertical integration.

In 2021, Yale New Haven Health System and Yale Medicine, the group practice for physicians associated with Yale School of Medicine, had a combined total of more than 2,700 physicians. Hartford HealthCare had 973.

Together, the state's five health systems account for more than a quarter of the around 17,000 physicians licensed to practice in the

Yale New Haven Health Senior Vice President Vincent Petrini rejected the notion that the system's size or acquisitions would increase its prices. Medicare and Medicaid patients make up two-thirds of the system's patients, which could be driving up the system's prices for commercially insured patients, Petrini said.

"If costs increase over time, in large measure, it is because of the severe underpayments that we receive from government insured patients. Today our reimbursement for Medicaid is roughly 40% of the actual cost of providing care, and Medicare reimburses less than 90 cents on the dollar of actual costs." Petrini said.

Research on the phenomenon of hospital "cost shifting" - increasing costs for private insurers as a result of decreases in the amount paid by public programs - suggests

it doesn't happen broadly. One of the most widely cited studies on the subject, published in 2011, found that cost-shifting happened at "a very low rate" and concluded that "policymakers should view with a degree of skepticism most hospital and insurance industry claims of inevitable, largescale cost shifting." A more recent study published in 2021 reiterated that cost-shifting lacks empirical

Petrini added that many private practices do not accept Medicaid because of the low reimbursement levels. So, when a private practice joins a health system, it enables wider access for low-income patients.

In an emailed statement, a spokesperson for Hartford HealthCare stated that the system is "deeply committed to providing the highest quality care in the lowest cost-appropriate settings in order to ... effectively manage the cost of care." In 2021, HHC moved over 50,000 surgical procedures from high-cost settings to lower cost ambulatory surgery centers. Its HHC-GoHealth Urgent Care centers also offer services at much lower costs than emergency rooms, according to the spokesperson.

Neither Nuvance Health nor Prospect responded to requests for comment.

Anewera of care: Schmidt's current employer, Nuvance, is the primary operator of hospitals in Western Connecticut and the bordering New York region. Though Schmidt is weary of big business in health care, she feels as if there aren't many

viable options outside of working for a corporation.

Private practices are facing unprecedented financial pressure, driving physicians, like Schmidt. to opt for the support a system can provide. And young doctors entering the profession are overwhelmingly choosing to work at hospitals instead of private practice, health

care officials have said. Nearly 40 years ago, Dr. Martin Keibel started Family Medicine Center in Manchester. In 2019, he and his partner joined Hartford HealthCare. Keibel described the move as vital to survival of the prac-

"We realized that the external demands and pressures placed upon our practice made it necessary for us to have the much needed infrastructure and back-office support to remain a viable Family Medicine practice," Keibel wrote in an emailed statement.

Joining Hartford HealthCare enabled them to make improvements, such as setting up an improved electronic medical record system and establishing quality assessments and improvement programs, that they found difficult to put in place as a small, independently owned shop, Keibel said.

And COVID only made life in private practice more difficult. The support of a large system made it easier to purchase PPE, get staff tested and get coverage for anyone who needed to quarantine. Between 2019 and 2021, the share of corporate-owned practices increased by

Schmidt still sees patients in that cozy barn in Millerton, N.Y. She's been treating some folks for so long that they've become like family, she

Her practice routinely receives high patient satisfaction ratings, and Schmidt feels as if people appreciate the personalized experience she provides. But she worries about whether this type of experience can continue to exist, given the fundamental changes sweeping through the health care industry.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF WESTBROOK

The Westbrook Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission made the following decision at the regular meeting held on July 5, 2022:

1. 865 Pond Meadow Road, Assessor ID Map 145, Lot 002, application to construct a 26' x 30' detached garage in upland review area - Unanimously

Details of the above referenced applica tions are on file in the Land Use Office in the Mulvey Municipal Center Dated this the 6th day of July, 2022 at

Westbrook, Connecticut, Heidi K. Wallace 7/12/22 7246870

ESTATE OF Harriet S. Levin, Late of Haddam, AKA Harriet Lee Levin (22-0424)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated July 5, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Marge B. Calltharp, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Marc Lewis Lewin c/o LOUIS ROBERT PISCATELLI, WITHERS BERGMAN LLP, 157 CHURCH ST., 12TH FL, NEW HAVEN, CT 06510 Faith Levin Irwin

c/o LOUIS ROBERT PISCATELLI, WITHERS

July 12, 2022 7246880

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals, addressed to the Supervisor of Purchases, City of Middletown, Room 112, Municipal Building, Middletown, Connecticut, Middletown, Connecticut, Will be received until Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 11:00 AM for the following:

BID #2022-012 PURCHASE OF VARIOUS WATE TREATMENT CHEMICALS "AS NEEDED" WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

Bid documents may be obtained at the Purchasing Office, Room 112, Municipal Building, 245 DeKoven Drive, Middletown, CT., Monday - Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for a fee of \$.50 per page. It is preferred that they are downloaded free of charge on the City of Middletown web site: www.MiddletownCT.gov. All questions concerning this bid should be directed in writing to the Purchasing Department via fax at 860-638-4895 or email at purchase@MiddletownCT.gov.

Bids will not be publicly opened in the bids will not be guildly opened in the Municipal Building, however, bids will be opened and read aloud via Webex. Additional information and a link will be provided on our website www. middletownct.gov for those interested in viewing the bid opening via Webex.

The City of Middletown reserves the right to waive any defect or any irregularity in any bid and reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof. Bids, and amendments to bids received after the time set for the bid opening will not be considered. All bids must be completely filled out when submitted. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the City of Middletown's written consent. Withdrawal of any bid must be submitted in writing to the City of Middletown.

All bids and proposals are subject to and must comply with the equal oppor-tunity and non-discriminatory provisions set forth in the Affirmative Action Plan of

Dated: 07/12/2022

Middletown, Connecticut Donna L. Formato, CPPB, NIGP-CPP Supervisor of Purchases 7/12/2022 7247337

LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION OLD SAYBROOK ZONING COMMISSION

At the Old Saybrook Zoning Commission

Area Management Zone, CT River Gateway Conservation Zone Applicant: Robert & Virginia Olson

LEGAL NOTICE OLD SAYBROOK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission of the Town of Old Saybrook, Connecticut will hold a public hearing concerning the following at its regularly-scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room of the Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and via teleconference to consider the following:

Applicant/Agent: Richard Peters

Meeting Passcode: 302302

Teleconference Dial-In: (929) 436-2866 One Tap Mobile: tel://9294362866,,98 163391842# At this hearing, interested persons may appear or join via teleconference to be heard or to submit written communica-

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Dated at Old Saybrook, Connecticut this 12th day of July 2022.

OLD SAYBROOK HISTORIC DISTRICT

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COMMISSION

William Childress, Chairman

July 12, 2022 7237655

door at rear patio entry.

LEGAL NOTICE COMMISSION

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A. Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features to install new wood screen door/storm door in front entry and install new aluminum screen/storm 55 North Cove Road (Map 31/Lot 19) Owner: Abigale & Scott Skidmore Applicant/Agent: Tony Brodeur, North Cove Construction

are on file in the Land Use Departm

7/12/2022 7246821

Regular meeting of July 6, 2022 the fol-lowing decision was rendered:

"Olson" Application for Special Exception Permit for the construction of a 6.394 s.f. house with covered porches and an attached 2 car garage.

39 North Cove Road, Assessor's Map 31, Lot 17. Residence AA-2 District, Coastal

Agent: Denise Von Dassel, Architect 7/12/22 7247578

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features to replace four first floor double hung windows 148 North Cove Road (Map 32/

Public Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/98 163391842?pwd=YUJOVmNBVEtwNm8z T2hiT0Q3R1FTdz09 Meeting ID: 981 6339 1842

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OLD SAYBROOK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION William Childress, Chairman

Dated at Old Saybrook, Connecticut this 12th day of July 2022.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Gail F. Gombatz (22-00551)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated June 28, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is: William D. Gombatz, 57 Somersby Way Farmington, CT 06032-2757 7/12/2022 7247392

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PUBLIC HEARING

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Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features to add a 69 s.f.

116 North Cove Road (Map 32/Lot 63) Applicant/Owner: James & Elena

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Dated at Old Saybrook, Connecticut this 12th day of July 2022.

OLD SAYBROOK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION COMMISSION William Childress, Chairman

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OLD SAYBROOK HISTORIC DISTRICT **PUBLIC HEARING**

Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features to add a transom window and lower existing window on 2nd story, add copper flashing trim to house, add cedar clapboard to dormers and side of house and add baluster deck railing to

of house and add 55... 2nd story deck. 69 Cromwell Place (Map 32/Lot 56) Applicant/Owner: Robert & Tan

Public Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/98 163391842?pwd=YUJOVmNBVEtwNm8z T2hiT0Q3R1FTdz09

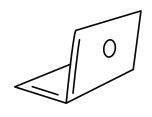
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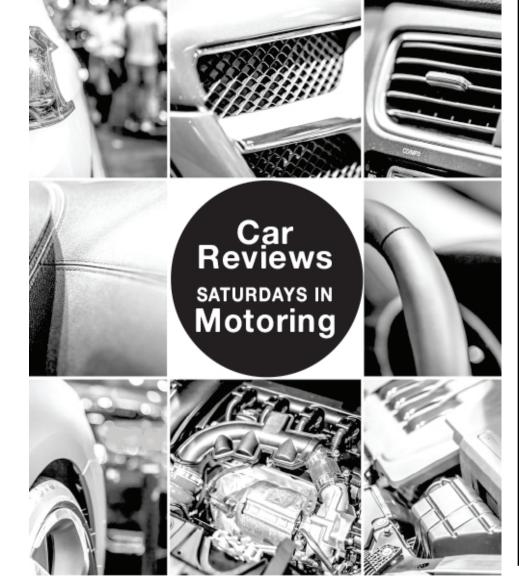
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Acapulco expats enjoy a bonfire and burn a few books in "The Anarchists," TODD SCHRAMKE

TV REVIEW

Docuseries 'Anarchists' follows key players at annual festival

By Michael Phillips Chicago Tribune

There's no time like the present, and time heals all wounds (a stretch, but we'll go with it), but time waits for no one - not even the bro-heavy, bitcoincrazed, anti-government crowd that put the annual festival gathering known as Anarchapulco on the map. And not just the map of Mexico.

For six years, beginning in 2015, documentary filmmaker Todd Schramke followed the alternately liberating and scary fortunes of several key players in the Anarchapulco community, many of whom settled in Acapulco. The result is the six-part documentary series "The Anarchists." The individual storylines offered Schramke and his colleagues a potentially gripping and increasingly chilling array of complications involving drugs, debauchery, warring mission statements, suicide and murder, the last

likely committed by a drug cartel. I say "potentially" because HBO's series proceeds with a frustrating lack of selectivity and focus, as if the whole project had gotten too much sun. There are fascinating subjects here, especially Lily Forester, a heartbreaking and mordantly witty presence throughout. She and her partner known as John Galton — like several Anarchapulco devotees, Galton's name adopts a variation on the name of the libertarian superman John Galt of Ayn Rand's "Atlas Shrugged" — have fled the U.S. and their former lives for the promise of a freer existence among their fellow

The entrepreneurial brainchild behind "Anarchapulco," a Canadian named Jeff Berwick, invites filmmaker Schramke into his perpetually shifting world in a tourist destination clouded by its reputation for bloody danger. The first year's attendees numbered around 150. They grew quickly from there, and in 2017, with the explosion of cryptocurrency, the world's largest "anarcho-capitalist" convention became insufferable to many. What happens when an anti-corporate entity seeks and finds major corporate sponsorship?

Other principal subjects include Nathan and Lisa Freeman and their kids, who left suburban Atlanta and the life of squares for Anarchapulco, Acapulco and a wild cryptocurrency ride. Everyone has secrets, and demons, and if "The Anarchists" has a theme, it's the price of trying to outrun your own internal crises and childhood

A lot of "The Anarchists" is plain sad; some of it hits hard. But a lot of it wanders and reiterates and generally feels like a first-draft warmup for a fictionalized two-hour version to be produced, oh, let's say, for the sake of argument, by Blumhouse Productions. The HBO doc is, in fact, a "Blumhouse Television Production." It's not bad, but sometimes a six-part series ends up being ideal for viewers who have the approximate six hours to see past a project's padding to a leaner, more purposeful version of its own story.

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How to watch: Airing Sundays on HBO; streaming on HBO Max

CELEBRITIES

'Funny Girl's Feldstein out, Michele in

From news services

Lea Michele has been tapped to step in and lead the Broadway revival of "Funny Girl," an announcement made just hours after current star Beanie Feldstein revealed she was leaving the musical sooner than anticipated due to the show taking a "different direction."

The high-profile casting change represents another step toward a return to the spotlight for Michele after former "Glee" castmates in 2021 accused the actor of behavior that was interpreted as racist and bullying. In many ways, her ascension to playing Fanny Brice was foreshadowed by Michele singing several 'Funny Girl" songs during the run of "Glee."

After the show's formal



Michele

announcement. Michele hailed the step, saying "a dream come true is an understatement"

on Instagram. She did not mention Feldstein.

Feldstein took to social media Sunday to say that while playing the heroine of "Funny Girl" was a "lifelong dream," she could no longer continue due to choices by producers and would leave early, on July 31.

"Once the production decided to take the show in a different direction, I made the extremely difficult decision to step away sooner than anticipated," she wrote.

Standby Julie Benko will perform the title role from Aug. 2 to Sept. 4. Michele will step in starting Sept. 6. That is also the date Tovah Feldshuh will replace Jane Lynch as Brice's mother, meaning there will be no reunion of "Glee" castmates Michele and Lynch.



Beanie Feldstein will leave the Broadway revival of "Funny Girl" on July 31. JAY L. CLENDENIN/LOS ANGELES TIMES 2020

Shah of 'Real Housewives' admits fraud: A member of "The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City" pleaded guilty Monday to a fraud conspiracy charge that could result in a prison sentence of over 11 years.

Jennifer Shah, 48, of Park City, Utah, entered the plea to a single count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud in Manhattan federal court after signing a plea agreement with prosecutors a day earlier.

She told a judge that beginning in 2012, she participated in a massive telemarketing fraud for nearly a decade that prosecutors say cheated thousands of people nationwide. As part of her plea agreement, Shah agreed to forfeit \$6.5 million and to pay \$9.5 million in restitution.

Sentencing was set for Nov. 28. Shah remains free on bail.

Composer Norman dies: Monty Norman, a British composer who wrote the theme tune for the James Bond films, has died at age 94. A statement posted Monday on his official website said, "It is with sadness we share the news that Monty Norman died on 11th July 2022 after a short illness." Norman was hired by producer

Albert "Cubby" Broccoli to

compose a theme for the first James Bond film, "Dr. No." released in 1962. The result has been used in all 25 Bond thrillers.

'Thor: Love and Thunder' hammers box office:

"Thor: Love and Thunder" earned \$143 million in its opening weekend in North America, according to studio estimates Sunday. The fourth "Thor" film also scored a franchise best and easily topped the box office, bumping "Minions: The Rise of Gru" into second place. The Minions earned \$45.6 million in weekend two, bringing its domestic total to \$210.1 million. "Top Gun: Maverick" placed third in its seventh weekend with \$15.5 million. With its domestic total at \$597.4 million, the Tom Cruise film was poised to cross \$600 million — one of only 12 films ever to do so.

July 12 birthdays: Singer Christine McVie is 79. TV personality Richard Simmons is 74. Actor Cheryl Ladd is 71. Singer Ricky McKinnie is 70. Actor Mel Harris is 66. Actor Lisa Nicole Carson is 53. Actor Alison Wright is 46. Actor Topher Grace is 44. Actor Michelle Rodriguez is 44. Singer Kimberly Perry is 39. Actor Rachel Brosnahan is 32.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Landlord wants appreciation for rent hike

Dear Amy: I have tenants I have bent over backward for. I cut their late fees in half, and allow them to pay the rent by the 15th of each month.

I take care of their home before my own. Their credit is not great, but I still approved them to move in.

They do pay their full rent each month, but they seem to get some attitude when I make simple requests, primarily to not interfere with contractors I send to my rental prop-

They have changed the scope of the work without my knowledge. They offer conflicting responses when I ask them if work

has been done correctly. They seem unappreciative to the many breaks I have given them.

After six years, I am finally raising the rent since theirs is well below market now. Since their communication skills are poor, and they don't show appreciation, I'm no longer in the mood to give them any more breaks.

My thought was to increase rent by 10%, but I know they won't thank me, even though I could raise it by much more.

If they give me attitude, I may give them notice to vacate. Maybe once they are forced to move into a home half the size with 50% higher rent, they will appreciate me.

I feel that I'm within my rights to determine the new rent amount and send a message that appreciation, manners and "thank you" go a long way.

— Nice Guys Finish Last Dear Nice Guy: You should

not expect your tenants

to express appreciation or

thanks when greeted with the news that you are rais-

Have you ever been a tenant? Generally, a rent hike is not greeted with gratitude, but with grousing and possibly an attempt to negotiate.

ing their rent by 10%.

The way your tenants express their gratitude each month is to pay their rent on time and in full. This is a business relationship, not a cotillion.

You do sound like a thoughtful landlord, but the way to raise the rent should have been in increments, over time. If you had done so over the years, these tenants might be paying close to the market rate by now.

You should not place tenants in charge of repairs made to the home. That's your job. The requirement to "communicate well" is probably not included in your lease agreement.

If you usher these tenants out, you might be in for a shock. Your next tenants might be destructive, partying scofflaws.

Dear Amy: My wife and I have been together for years. She has recently lost a lot of weight. She says she just doesn't like the way food tastes (this was before COVID-19). She has not been working out.

She is very proud of her weight loss, but since then, things haven't been the same between us. She's changed a lot and become more independent.

I'm concerned about her well-being. She says she

loves me and doesn't want anvone else.

What are your thoughts? Mystified

Dear Mystified: Your wife's

weight loss might be the result of a medical issue. I hope she has received a thorough checkup.

Your wife's weight loss might also be the result of an outside flirtation or even infidelity.

I'm not saying that flirtation causes weight loss (if only!), but any time a partner experiences a significant body change, it could be a sign that they are polishing themselves up for someone else.

Further evidence is that your wife has become more "independent," and the intimacy in your marriage has changed.

These are only theories, but I think it's something you should consider.

I hope you won't accuse your wife of cheating on you, but instead approach this as a reason to talk about your relationship.

Dear Amy: You missed the mark in your response to "Offended Gran." This grandmother essentially broadcast on Facebook the fact that her grandchild had lost all their possessions in a fire, soliciting funds along the way.

That sort of behavior is extremely stressful to a young person who has already been traumatized. Upset

Dear Upset: Thank you. I didn't read the letter quite that way, assuming that the grandchild had already

posted news of this fire on social media. If I'm wrong about that, I agree with you.

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Portman revamps character in new 'Thor' film

Veteran actor faced new challenges like getting strong fast

By Sonaiya Kelley Los Angeles Times

The Marvel Cinematic Universe has come a long way since its early days when Scarlett Johansson's Black Widow was the sole female hero and most other women with substantial screen time were relegated to love interests and damsels.

Case in point, Jane Foster (played by Natalie Portman), who was first introduced in 2011's "Thor" and returned two years later for "Thor: The Dark World." She's an accomplished astrophysicist and astronomer but is best known for being Thor's former girlfriend.

With "Thor: Love and Thunder," Foster's first substantial appearance in nine years (she had a blinkand-you'll-miss-it cameo in "Avengers: Endgame"), director Taika Waititi hopes to imbue Foster with a fresh sense of agency.

"It was really important to us that we bring Jane back because people would ask what happened to her and where she'd gone," said the director. "It's nice to be able to answer that and bring her back, but in a more meaningful way. She no longer is the girlfriend on the sidelines, Thor's 'chick.' She comes back as her own person, as a strong, powerful woman who is holding the hammer now and is actually a superhero herself."

In the film — as in the "Mighty Thor" comic run it's based on — Foster assumes the power of Thor as she battles cancer and is deemed worthy by Mjolnir, the fragmented hammer the hero carried for five films before it was shattered in "Thor: Ragnarok."

Portman says the opportunity to return and revamp the character was "really exciting."



 $Natalie\ Portman\ returns\ as\ Jane\ Foster, who\ assumes\ the\ power\ of\ Thor, in\ "Thor:\ Love\ and\ Thunder."\ \textbf{MARVELSTUDIOS-DISNEY}$

"To get to be a superhero at all is such a rare opportunity (for an actor)," she said. "Certainly getting to be one as you're turning 40 is pretty much unheard of. It's not anything that I dreamt I would get to do."

Chris Hemsworth said sharing Thor's mantle with Portman was "an honor." "I started this journey 11 years ago with Natalie and to team up again now, both as the characters and ourselves have evolved and changed so dramatically, was brilliant."

"The first time she turned up on set as the character, all of us were blown away," said Hemsworth. "She embodied everything a hero should, but there was a vulnerability and a strength there that was personal to her. She wasn't mimicking anyone else's version."

Rejoining the franchise also afforded Portman the

chance to work with reallife friend Tessa Thompson, who plays the warrior and New Asgardian king Valkyrie. The two met in 2018 while working on the sci-fi horror "Annihilation" and became fast friends, a bond that was strengthened through their work with the Time's Up move-

"My favorite scenes were definitely the ones with Valkyrie," said Portman. "Getting to work with a friend is so amazing because you get to bring all of your real affection and experience with that person to the characters, you're not just pretending you have this relationship. She's so ferocious and talented and brilliant, and it's also just fun to get to see your friend."

"To bring our real-life dynamic and to get to really play with her in the world of this film was really exciting," said Thompson, who likened Portman to "a sister." "I think for Valkyrie's sake, she's somebody that has been mourning the loss of her sisters for a very long time, and so this feels like she gets to have a sister again in the form of Mighty Thor."

Despite a nearly 30-year career, Portman found herself facing brand-new challenges and leaned on her co-stars for advice. The first hurdle was figuring out how to get strong, fast.

"A lot of that I was learning from Tessa and Chris," she said. "About how nutrition plays such a big deal and how you have to be doing the protein shakes and losing the water weight, you've got to do the saunas. There's all this stuff that goes into it that is really interesting to learn."

With the help of trainer Naomi Pendergast, Portman got into the best shape of her life over 10 months of

grueling workouts. "She did a lot of weight training to get me stronger but also was really focused on getting me balanced as well as (targeting) the small muscles that support the bigger muscles," said Portman. "It was really awesome to turn 40 and feel the best I've ever felt physically. To be tasked for the first time with taking up as much space as possible, when most of the time as women we're asked to get as small as possible."

That training came in handy during the film's action sequences, in which Portman did many of her own stunts.

"I loved doing all of the stuff on wires," she said.
"That was so fun to get to fly and do flips. Learning the choreography was reminiscent of learning dance choreography. Obviously I had stunt doubles

who did most of the really difficult stuff, but I did get to learn a bunch of the choreography."

Shooting a series of flashback scenes to Thor and Jane's relationship was more lighthearted.

"It was so fun to imagine it as this rom-com," said Portman. "And we shot it really indie-style too. We shot like 40 different things in a day ... getting the vibe of that kind of movie."

Hemsworth concurred those sequences were among the most enjoyable to shoot.

"It was cool because often you see these characters in all their glory and being heroes, but you don't really get insight into who they are on a regular day," he said.

Shifting among action scenes, rom-com moments and Jane's personal struggle with cancer gave Portman an opportunity to explore her character from all sides.

"I really love Taika's ability to not have any rules about how (a comic book movie is) supposed to be," Portman said. "Having that kind of freeform and free possibility is so lucky, and really lucky for (Jane as a) female character, in particular. He really made room for her to be ridiculous and weak, and she didn't just have to be this ... tough girl all the time, which I think is sometimes the interpretation of what a feminist character would be.

"To me, a feminist character is able to be all the things: Sometimes you're vulnerable, sometimes you're strong, sometimes you're falling flat on your face. It's nice to have the ability to be human like that."

As the Marvel Cinematic Universe continues to grow, Portman says she's open to reprising the Mighty Thor should the opportunity present itself. "I am open to anything," she said. "It's such a cool character and I feel like anything is possible."



Perdita Weeks as Juliet Higgins and Jay Hernandez as Thomas Magnum in "Magnum P.I." **CBS**

A&Q VT

Will 'Magnum' find new home?

By Rich Heldenfels Tribune News Service

Q: Like many others, I'm unhappy about losing "Magnum P.I." Is there any chance it will come back? A: Since I wrote about the cancellation of the CBS drama a month ago, the fate of the show starring Jay Hernandez changed, uh, dramatically. NBC has ordered 20 more episodes, with Deadline reporting that the episodes will be spread over two seasons. That will extend its life to six total seasons — following the four on CBS — with a chance for more. As I said before, the show is popular; financial dealings led to its bumpy renewal ride.

Q: I am a huge fan of Charlie Cox. I read that he made a film for Netflix. Do you know when it will be shown?

A: Lots of people came to like Cox for his starring role as Matt Murdock/ Daredevil in Netflix's "Daredevil" series as well as his reprising the role in "Spider-Man: No Way Home." He has an upcoming series for Netflix called "Treason," where he plays a British spy with a complicated past. (Cox is British.) I've not seen an airdate, although some speculation has it arriving in 2023. There are also reports that

Cox will be playing Dare-devil again on Disney+ (now home to "Daredevil" reruns and other Marvel series originally made for Netflix). He could possibly be in his own series, in another Marvel show — or, Marvel being Marvel, both.

Q: When will a new season of "The Amazing Race" air?

A: The latest season of the reality competition will begin Sept. 21 on CBS.

Q: With the recent passing

of Howard Hesseman and

Frank Bonner, how many surviving stars of "WKRP in Cincinnati" are left?

A: Most of them. From what I can find, we still have Gary Sandy (Andy Travis), Loni Anderson (Jennifer Marlowe), Richard Sanders (Les Nessman), Tim Reid (Venus Flytrap) and Jan Smithers (Bailey Quarters). Hesseman (Dr. Johnny Fever) died in January, Bonner (Herb Tarlek) in 2021 and

Q: Years ago, I saw a movie (maybe from the 1940s) about a Western cavalry fort (maybe from the late 1800s), from which troops rode out to deal with potential conflicts. The few women living at the fort worried each time

Gordon Jump (Arthur

Carlson) in 2003.

troops departed, and I remember a memorable scene where three women, representing multiple generations, watched as troops departed. But I don't know the movie's name. Do you?

A: That was "Fort Apache,"

from 1948, directed by John Ford and with a cast including John Wayne, Henry Fonda and Shirley Temple. (While the plot could have been from a lot of Westerns, you confirmed this was the film after I shared a clip of the scene you remember.)

Q: I recently read a question and answer you received about the NBC drama "ER." How could I watch? I would really love to see it from the beginning.

A: While Pop TV carries reruns, if you want to watch from the beginning, you can find the complete series on HBO Max, Hulu and Amazon Prime Video for a price. There are also DVDs, and you may want to see if your local library has them.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Rushing could result in missteps today. You will likely have more energy and working on a project can bring you satisfaction and pride. Someone may be encouraging you to go faster. Do things the correct way the first time.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Emotions can be volatile at the moment. Whether it's life in general or someone specific, you might be frustrated by having to move more slowly than you'd like. Make an effort to use some meditation techniques through the frustration. Imagine yourself breathing out negative energy.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A peer may convince you that they know a better way to complete your current goal, and despite your intuition telling you otherwise, you might decide to follow their lead. Agree with them temporarily to avoid an argument — follow your own instincts later.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You might be about to bite off more than you can chew. Someone may ask you if you're up to the task of helping them with something. Even if you want to help, it may be more than you were anticipating. Just to be safe, be ready for it to take twice as long.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):
Ignorance may not be bliss today. If you get started without figuring out the with parts about of time

without nguing out the vital parts ahead of time, you may end up going back to the drawing board without properly getting started. Do your research and make sure you have a foundation when you're starting out.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A task could be dragging you down. You may be required to work alongside someone who frustrates you, or you might encounter a time crunch that's making success seem impossible. Do your best to give it an honest try by putting in as much of your own effort as you can. Your efforts shouldn't go unrecognized.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Improve today's vibes. You're specifically capable of lightening the atmosphere in unique ways. Keeping the mood positive should provide a better result than just hunkering down and working. Try to provide a little extra something to relieve any pressure.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
Doing things in order is
likely the best way forward
right now. Feelings may
entice you to try and
complete your responsibilities out of order or skip
steps to come back to them
later. You may be procrastinating — doing things in
this haphazard way could

come back to bite you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec.
21): Your desire to get
the absolute best result
could be leading you in the
wrong direction. Having
unrealistically high standards for your own work
could be preventing you
from moving forward at
all, or it could be causing
you to take risks that won't
result in what you want.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sticking to the script could end with you getting left in the dust today. You may want things to go according to the way you've always done them, but keep an eye out for a potentially easier way that you're avoiding because it's not your favorite method. Deviate from your preferred way this time.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone else may be seeking guidance from you at this time. No matter how good your intentions are, you could still accidentally guide them in the wrong direction. Do a quick double-check to see that the information you're providing is accurate. It's better to be safe than sorry.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Instead of being present and allowing yourself to focus on the task at hand, you could get caught up in imagining what you'll be doing once you're finished. This could cause you to make mistakes, and then that future you're

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On July 12, 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1908, comedian Milton Berle was born in New York City. In 1965, the Beach Boys single "California Girls" was released.

In 1967, rioting erupted in Newark, New Jersey, over the police beating of a Black taxi driver; 26 people were killed in the five days of violence that followed.

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced his choice of U.S. Rep. Geral-

dine A. Ferraro of New York to be his runningmate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

In 1991, a Japanese professor (Hitoshi Igarashi) who had translated Salman Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses" was found stabbed to death, nine days after the novel's Italian translator was attacked in Milan.

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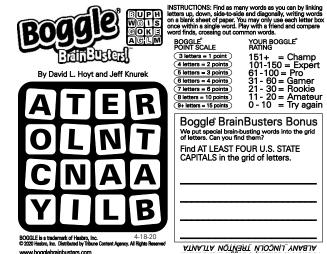
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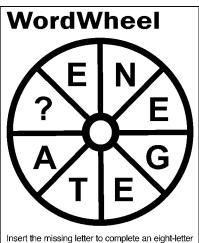


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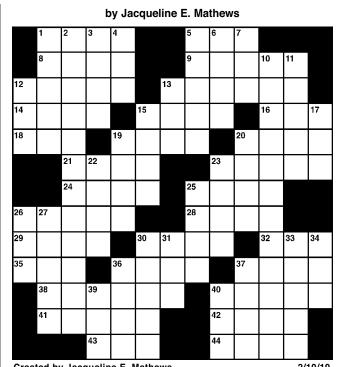
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- 18 Greek letter
- 19 Ruby & Sandra
- 20 Where to find Columbus
- 21 Robert of "The Sopranos" 23 __ whale; largest toothed predator
- 24 Short note
- 25 Recipe verb
- 26 Tehran resident 28 "__ Wolf"; MTV Tyler Posey series
- 29 Evergreens
- 30 Soften up; melt



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- Thomas series
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- 43 Cobb & Burrell 44 Long look

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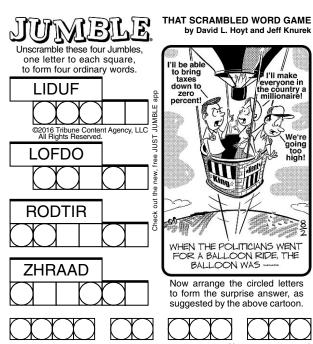
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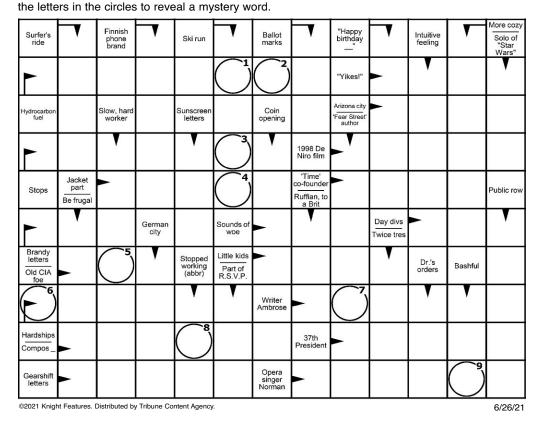
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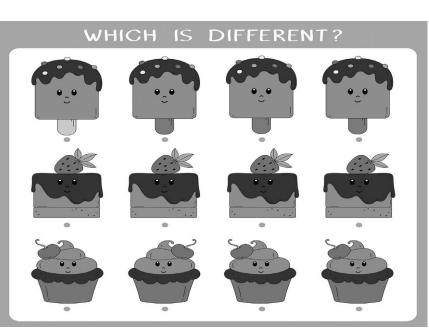
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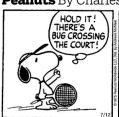


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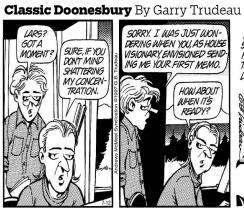




















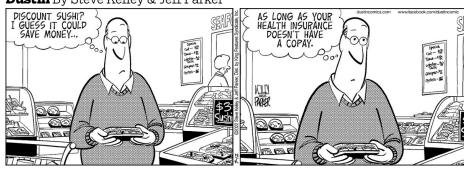


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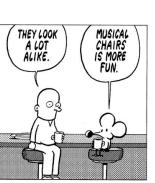
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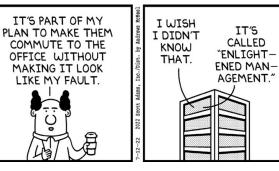


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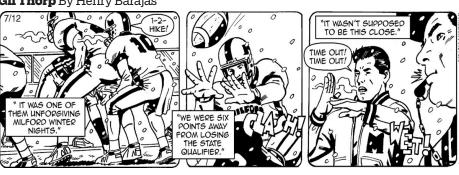




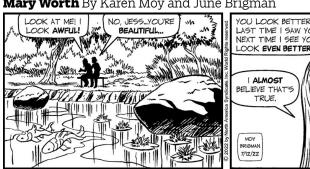
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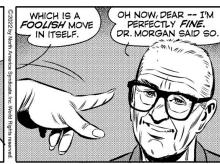
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Wizard Of Id By Johnny Hart and Brant Parker







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Monty By Jim Meddick



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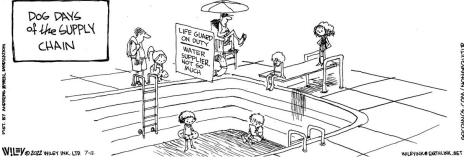


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Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman







Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer







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CROSSWORD

EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

Across 1 California wine region near Sonoma

- 5 Not quite Zamboni surface
- Nowhere to be
- seen, for short 15 Simple shelter
- 16 Prom rental *Performer who
- may wear harem pants
- Lob's path "Star Wars"
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- Song"
- 22 If not Tree frog sound
- *People in a love-hate relationship
- Transmission choice for driving uphill
- 29 Stockpile
- 35 Hearty holiday
- *Bodylifting
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- Corn Belt tower
- brutes 45 Tracks down
- from the narrow
- home Wallop

3 NT

53 Feel crummy 54 Carpenter's clamp

- 55 Source of milk for pecorino
- cheese 56 Dieting advice, and what the answers to the starred clues literally do
- 60 Time zone word: Abbr. 61 Dined at a bistro,
- say
- 62 Nerd
- 63 That lady 64 Tinkers (with)

off

3 Tadpole

Hay fever, e.g.

actor Alan

Thompson

Actress

- 65 Avant-garde
- Down 1 Capture
- 23

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- drink
- 40 Ambushed
- 42 Storybook
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- Pet rabbit's 52

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- locale 10 Only Canadian
- MLB city 11 Firenze locale
- 12 Swear words 13 More than necessary
- 18 Cry of pain 22
- Television
- award Tartan-sharing 23
- kin 24 Santa's jolly syllables
- 25 Physically delicate
- 2 Knock the socks 26 Disneyland hat pair 28 Sore
 - 32 Genetic material
 - "Marriage Story" 33 Construct
 - 34 Bun, e.g. 36 Wine barrel
- 56 Pic taker 57 Shade on a color wheel 58 Plead
 - 59 Big__Country

37 Giggled self-

it-all

39 Swanky

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(about)

43 Old-__forest

46 Rather smart

48 Cook in some

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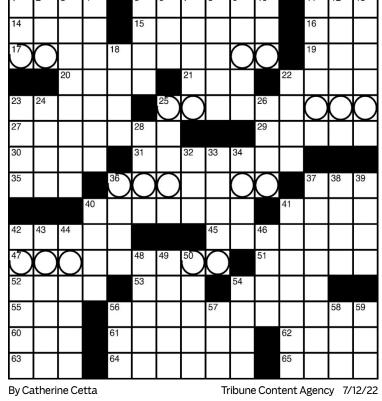
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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable. **NORTH AKQ53** 643 **♦** J 9 2 WEST **EAST ♦** J 10 9 8 2 **♦**74 ♥Q 10 7 **♥** K 8 5 2 ♦ Q 10 8 6 5 3 ♣J 10 4 SOUTH **♣**Q97532 The bidding: North **East** South west Pass 2 💠 Pass 1 🏚 2 🏚 2 NT Pass Pass

Opening lead — six of diamonds. A brilliant defense

Spectacular plays — and the opportunities to make them - are relatively rare. The nature of the game is such that, over the long haul, how a player ultimately fares is determined more by his ability to hold his errors to a minimum rather than by the occasional brilliancy he

might pull off. Nevertheless, it cannot be denied that the chance for a spectacular play does arise from time to time. On these occasions, it is to be hoped that the player in the spotlight makes the most of his opportunity.

Consider this deal where Italian star Benito Garozzo seized his chance to make an unusual defensive play. He was West and led a diamond against three notrump. East won with the ace and, unable to return a diamond, tried the deuce of hearts.

Declarer lost the nine to West's ten, ducked Garozzo's queen-of-hearts continuation, and won the next heart with the ace.

South now played a low club toward dummy's K-8 and would have made three notrump had Garozzo followed low. In that case, declarer would have won the club with dummy's king and led another club, ducking East's ten in the hope that West had started with the doubleton ace. In the actual deal, this would have established South's clubs, and, with the king of diamonds as an entry, he would have made

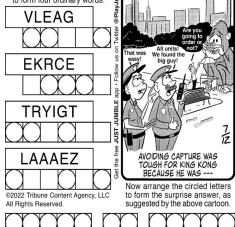
But Garozzo, fully attuned to what was about to happen, rose with the ace on the first club lead and returned the gueen of diamonds! As a result of this play — which handed declarer an extra diamond trick - South could no longer make nine tricks.

The queen-of-diamonds return, which drove out the king prematurely, prevented declarer from scoring more than one club trick, and he eventually finished down two.

Tomorrow: The vicissitudes of fortune.

JUMBLE BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. VLEAG **EKRCE**



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GOLF BRITISH OPEN

Tiger joins celebration of champions at St. Andrews

British Open

When: Thursday-Sunday. Site: St. Andrews (Old Course). Length: 7,313 yards. Par: 72. By Doug Ferguson Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — They stood on the 18th tee at St. Andrews, a foursome that collectively has won 43 major championships spanning nearly six decades.

Tiger Woods isn't big on ceremonial golf. There are exceptions, and a British Open at the home of golf that celebrates the R&A's champions would be one of them.

He played with four-time major champion Rory McIlroy and six-time major champion

Lee Trevino, who won his two claret jugs a few years before Woods was born. Along for the ride was Jack Nicklaus, the gold standard when it comes to majors with his 18 titles.

Nicklaus didn't bring his clubs to St. Andrews. He returned to become an honorary citizen.

Nicklaus was there to greet most of the champions on the first tee of the four-hole exhibition around the loop on the Old Course (holes 1, 2 17 and 18), and he couldn't

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Lee Trevino, left, entertains fellow golf legends Rory McIlroy, from left, Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus during a four-hole champions round Monday as preparations continue for the British Open on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland. **PETER MORRISON/AP**

RED SOX



The Rays' Josh Lowe hits a two-run single to center in front of Red Sox catcher Christian Vazquez in the first inning Monday in St. Petersburg, Fla. Go to **courant.com/sports** for complete coverage of the game, which ended too late for inclusion in this edition. **SCOTT AUDETTE/AP**

Fighting through it

Beat-up Sox should finally earn respect after weekend series split with Yankees

By Jason MastrodonatoBoston Herald

The Red Sox exited the series against the Yankees the same way they started it, 14 games behind New York in the American League East, and yet something felt different

The odds were stacked against them, and they played the underdog part all too well, playing from behind just about the entire series. Over four days, the Red Sox

Over four days, the Red Sox played 37 innings against the best team on the planet. They were tied or trailing for 34 of those innings.

And they still won two games, splitting the series with a team that has only lost or split a full series five times all year.

"I think that's the game we play," catcher Christian Vazquez said. "We never quit. We're always, always fighting to the end and to

The Red Sox produced just the second blown save of the year by Yankees All-Star closer Clay Holmes and snapped the Yanks' 48-0 record when leading after seven innings.

"It's kind of like a video game watching these guys throw," J.D. Martinez said of Yankees relievers. "I feel like these guys are just throwing 100 mile-an-hour whiffle balls. It's unreal. But we battled them and found a way to get it

The Red Sox played poor defense for much of the series, but they hit well enough to make up for it, with some clutch knocks by Alex Verdugo, Vazquez, Martinez, Xander Bogaerts, Franchy Cordero

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done."

METS

Braves' Canó starts against Mets, who cut him in May

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Robinson Canó remains confident in his skills as he has been given an opportunity to revive his career at 39 while starting — at least on a fill-in basis — for the defending World Series champion Atlanta Braves.

Canó carries a .301 career batting average with more than 2,600 hits, but he struggled in short stints with the Mets and Padres this season.

The Braves, in need of a left-handed hitter who can help at second base, obtained Canó for \$1 in a minor league deal with the Padres on Sunday.

Canó instantly joined Atlanta's starting lineup, playing second base and batting ninth as the Braves opened a series Monday night against his former team, the NL East-leading New York Mets. (The game wasn't over in time for this edition. For the result and story, go to courant.com/sports.)

In his first at-bat Monday, he singled in the third inning, the first hit given up by Mets starter Max Scherzer.

"I know what work I've put in the offseason, and I've always believed in myself and the stuff that I do to prepare myself," Canó said following batting practice Monday. "I feel that I can still play this game."

The Braves trailed the Mets by 1 ½ games going into the three-game set at Truist Park.

Canó gives the Braves another option at second base after Ozzie Albies went down with a broken foot.

With the Mets in town, Canó attracted a large crowd of reporters with no shortage of questions about his past and future.

Asked if he felt he received a fair shot with the Mets, Canó said, "I don't want to go back to the past. ... There's no hard feelings. I've got friends on the other side, and I always wish

them the best."
Canó hit .256 with New York
in 2019 and .316 in only 49
games in 2020.

canó hit a combined .149 with one homer and four RBIs in 74 at-bats for the Padres and Mets this season. He batted .333 with three homers and 20 RBIs in 96 at-bats for Triple-A El Paso after the Padres released him and re-signed him to a

minor league deal last month.
"I think he was rusty when
he was here for the first two
times," Braves manager Brian

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New Bruins head coach Jim Montgomery displays a jersey while standing with team owner Jeremy Jacobs, left, and CEO Charlie Jacobs during an introductory news conference Monday in Boston. **STEVEN SENNE/AP**

BRUINS

the last out."

Hello, Patrice? New coach already making right calls

By Jimmy Golen Associated Press

BOSTON — Jim Montgomery has a lot of work to do to prepare for his first season as the Boston Bruins' head coach.

He knew just where to start: by reaching out to captain Patrice Bergeron to make sure the five-time Selke Award winner will be back in a Bruins uniform for a 19th

season.
"That was my first phone call,"
Montgomery said on Monday at a
news conference to meet the local
media 10 days after he was hired to
replace Bruce Cassidy.

"I don't have to go into the locker room very much if he comes back. That was the main takeaway," Montgomery said. "He's got good control of what's going on and how to lead."

Three years after they lost in the seventh game of the Stanley Cup Final and two years after they reached 100 points in a pandemic-shortened season, the Bruins fired Cassidy following a first-round playoff loss. Since then, top defenseman Charlie McAvoy and top scorer Brad Marchand have had surgery that will keep them out for the first two months of next season.

But much of the attention has been on the 36-year-old Bergeron, who would not commit to playing another season (while saying that, if he did return, it would only be with the Bruins). He has since told the team he is inclined to return, but he remains unsigned.

"We're still waiting for Patrice's word. Although news is positive. We're getting some positive feedback," team CEO Charlie Jacobs said. "So, fingers crossed that he returns and leads our team again next year."

Montgomery, 53, was fired from

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Red Sox: at Rays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Rays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Rays, Thursday, 7 p.m. **Yankees:** Reds, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Reds, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Reds, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Mets: at Atlanta, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.; at Atlanta, Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.; at Cubs, Thursday, 8

Yard Goats: Harrisburg, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Harrisburg, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Harrisburg, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Sun: at Indiana, Wednesday, noon; at Dream, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Aces, Sunday, 1 p.m.

Hartford Athletic: at Charleston, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Pittsburgh, July 23, 7 p.m.; at Rio Grande, 8:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO BASEBALL

1 p.m.: White Sox at Guardians. (Live) MLB

7 p.m.: Reds at Yankees. (Live) YES. Radio: 97.9 7 p.m.: Red Sox at Rays. (Live)

NESN. Radio. 1080 7 p.m.: Mets at Braves. (Live) SNY. Radio: 880:

7:30 p.m.: Dodgers at Cardinals. (Live) TBS

BASKETBALL

Noon: Girls High School EYBL Championships. (Live) ESPNU 2 p.m.: Girls High School EYBL Championships. (Live) ESPNU 5 p.m.: Bulls vs Raptors. (Live) NBA

6:30 p.m.: Grizzlies vs Nets. (Live) ESPN2 **7 p.m.:** Hawks vs Heat. (Live)

NBA
8:30 p.m.: Celtics vs Warriors.

(Live) ESPN

9 p.m.: Pistons vs Pacers. (Live)

NBA

10:30 p.m.: Suns vs Mavericks. (Live) ESPN

11 p.m.: Lakers vs Clippers. (Live) NBA

BICYCLING

8 a.m.: Tour de France Stage 10. (Live) USA **SOCCER**

11:30 a.m.: UEFA Women's EURO Denmark vs Finland. (Live) ESPN2

2:30 p.m.: UEFA Women's EURO Germany vs Spain. (Live)

4:55 p.m.: Copa América Femenina Uruguay vs Brazil.

7:50 p.m.: Copa América Femenina Argentina vs Peru.

(Live) FS1 **7:50 p.m.:** Copa do Brazil
Cruzeiro ys Fluminense (Liv

7:50 p.m.: Copa do Brazil Cruzeiro vs Fluminense. (Live) FSP

YARD GOATS

Looking for a repeat of first-half fortune

By Joe Arruda Hartford Courant

The Hartford Yard Goats will host the Washington Nationals' Double-A affiliate Harrisburg Senators at Dunkin' Donuts Park for a six-game series set to begin Tuesday.

After coming up one game short of a first-half Eastern League Northeast Division title and an automatic playoff berth, Hartford's 6-6 second-half record is identical to the way it started April. After winning four of six games against the Senators in late April, the Yard Goats went on to win six of their next eight series and finished with the best first-half record (43-26) in franchise history.

Hartford split series with the Binghamton Rumble Ponies and the New Hampshire Fisher Cats to start the second half of the season.

Second baseman Hunter Stovall has paced the Yard Goats offense with a scorching start to his second half as he leads the Eastern League with a .435 batting average. Harrisburg third baseman Jake Alu is in fifth with a .372 hitting clip since the season's midpoint.

Brenton Doyle's four secondhalf home runs as Hartford's center fielder land him in second in the league just ahead of Stovall, left fielder Daniel Montano and Harrisburg's Wilson Garcia who have three each.

Here's what you need to know heading into the series against the Senators:

Probable starters, promotions

Tuesday, 7:05 p.m.: Yard Goats RHP Tony Locey vs. Harrisburg TBA

Promotion: Yard Goats red, white and blue baseball caps will be given out to the first 2,000 fans in the gate.

Wednesday, 7:05 p.m.: Yard Goats RHP Michael Baird vs. Harrisburg RHP Josh Irvin Promotion: Princess and Pirates

Night. Fans are encouraged to wear their favorite costumes. Thursday, 7:05 p.m.: Yard Goats

LHP Nick Bush vs. Harrisburg TBA
Promotion: Pride bracelets will be handed out to the first 1,000 fans

to celebrate Pride Night.
Friday, 7:05 p.m.: Yard Goats



The Yard Goats will host the Harrisburg Senators in a six-game series beginning Tuesday at Dunkin' Donuts Park. **COURANT FILE**

RHP Noah Davis vs. Harrisburg RHP Ronald Herrera

Promotion: Hartford Whalers

alumni weekend. **Saturday, 6:05 p.m.:** Yard Goats
RHP Mitch Kilkenny vs. Harris-

burg RHP Franklyn Kilome **Promotion:** Hartford Whalers alumni weekend continues with postgame fireworks.

Sunday, 1:05 p.m.: Locey vs. Harrisburg TBA

Promotion: Kids run the bases to celebrate Whalers alumni weekend.

How to watch/listen

Radio — FM 100.9 or AM 1410 WPOP; Video Stream — MiLB.tv; Internet — newsradio1410.iheart. com (iHeartRadio app)

For tickets and information visityardgoatsbaseball.com or call 860-246-4628.

Tovar named to MLB Futures Game

Ezequiel Tovar, the Rockies' No. 2 overall prospect, was named to the Major League Futures Game roster and will playing at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles on Saturday at 7 p.m. Tovar, the Eastern League leader in batting average for the entirety of the season, is nursing a groin injury and hasn't played since June 29. The Yard Goats' shortstop has been granted extra rest after hitting .318 with 13 home runs and 47 RBIs in 2022. The Futures Game will be broadcast live on Peacock and SiriusXM.

Rockies roster movement

Three Rockies prospects were promoted to Hartford before the New Hampshire series: first baseman Grant Lavigne, right-handed pitcher Tony Locey and infielder Christopher Navarro. All three were playing with Class A Spokane before being called up. Lavigne, a Bedford, New Hampshire, native, was the Rockies' 2018 first-round pick out of high school. Lavigne recorded five hits in 18 at-bats through five games against the Fisher Cats. Locev started for Hartford on July 6 and allowed five earned runs on six hits through

5 ½ innings — he is scheduled to start the bookends of the Harrisburg series Tuesday and Sunday. Navarro, a shortstop, hit .155 in 97 at-bats for Spokane.

Pitcher Karl Kauffman and outfielder Jimmy Herron were promoted to Triple-A Albuquerque on July 6.

About the Senators

After finishing the first half with a record of 30-39, Harrisburg has started 4-8 in the second half to maintain its fifth-place position in the Eastern League Southwest Division. The Senators make the 242-mile trip to Hartford for the first and only time of the regular season coming off of two straight wins against the second-place Erie Seawolves. Alu and Garcia have been Harrisburg's pair of shining stars offensively, while Steven Fuentes and Ronald Herrera (scheduled to pitch Friday) have carried most of the pitching load. Fuentes, with a 4.19 earned run average in 68 ¾ innings this year, last pitched July 6, but the Senators have not fully released their starters for the Hartford series.

Sox

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and even Jeter Downs.
On the mound, the Sox started Josh Winckowski, Connor Seabold, Kutter Crawford and Nick Pivetta — three of whom have spent the majority of their season in the minors — against Gerrit Cole, Nestor Cortes, Jordan Montgomery and Jameson Taillon, two of whom (Cole and Cortes) were just named to the All-Star team.

Chris Sale, Nathan Eovaldi and Garrett Whitlock combined to throw zero pitches as they're still on the injured list.

Rafael Devers, nursing a sore back, didn't play Saturday or Sunday.

And when it was all said and done, the Red Sox mounted two comefrom-behind wins, including an 11-6 win on Sunday night in which they scored nine unanswered runs and used their B-squad of relief pitchers to shut down the Yankees' potent offense.

On paper, it was a series split. It sure seemed like more.

"I don't think anyone would have bet that we would have split it after the first two," said Bogaerts. "They'd definitely be lying. But we're definitely happy with a split especially by the way the first two games went. It felt like it got out of hand quickly. It's nice to give the fans something to come back to the ballpark and look forward to and have some bragging

ights."

It's not as if anyone is pretending the Red Sox are going to catch the Yankees. That's not what this series was about. It was about a Red Sox team that's playing without half their roster and looked as dead as a doornail after taking a 12-5 beating on Friday night, when Devers aggravated a back injury and the talk of the town was Sale's mediocre rehab start that he finished by destroying a TV in the tunnel.

These aren't All-Stars. These are depth guys playing big roles in big games. "To come back the way

we did, to salvage the game, is huge," Martinez said. "Especially since we've had most of our guys hurt."

Between two days on June 7 and 8, the Red Sox lost Kiké Hernandez, Eovaldi and Whitlock. Since then, they've also lost Michael Wacha, Rich Hill, Tyler Danish and Christian Arroyo to the injured list.

They've gone 17-12 in that span.

That's what this weekend was about.

Who knows. But the Sox did prove this: they're more than capable of stealing a win in a big game, so teams across the American League.

"With the guys we have on the injured list, the at-bats we put together today, the defensive plays we made, it was all-around team positive coming out of this series 2-2," said Pivetta. "I think that's extraordinary."



Longtime Red Sox slugger David Ortiz will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, on July 24. "I can't wait for it to be over with," he said. "I'm freaking out about the whole thing. Too much. Too much going on." **AP FILE**

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At a loss for words

Sox great Ortiz admits he's 'freaking out' over induction speech for Hall of Fame

By Jimmy Golen Associated Press

BOSTON — David Ortiz made a Hall of Fame career out of staring down pitchers with the game on the line.

Looking out at the Cooperstown crowd for his induction speech — that's a whole different story.

"I can't wait for it to be over with," the

longtime Red Sox slugger said this month as he looked ahead to his July 24 enshrinement ceremony. "I'm freaking out about the whole thing. Too much. Too much going on."

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A 10-time All-Star who helped Boston win three World Series championships, Ortiz became the 58th first-ballot Hall of Famer when he was the only player elected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Era committee selections Gil Hodges, Jim Kaat, Minnie Miñoso, Tony Oliva, Bud Fowler and Buck O'Neil will join him in the Class of 2022.

Ortiz batted .286 and hit 541 home runs

with 1,768 RBIs in a 20-year career with the Red Sox and Twins. He also had a .289 average with 17 homers and 61 RBIs in nine postseasons — batting .688 to earn MVP honors in the 2013 World Series.

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Among all those hits were game-winners that earned him a reputation as one of the most clutch hitters in baseball history, including back-to-back, extra-inning walkoffs in Games 4 and 5 of the 2004 AL Championship Series against the Yankees, when the Red Sox became the first major league team to overcome an 0-3 deficit in a best-of-seven series. They went on to sweep St. Louis in the World Series for their first title since 1918.

To Ortiz, that was just part of being a ball-player.

"I'm not saying it's easy. But you get used to it," he said. "I had a 20-year career. That was expected. You don't expect to be on a podium being inducted into the Hall of Fame any day."

Adding to the stress: He will be working the July 19 All-Star Game in Los Angeles for Fox.

"I've never had so much on my plate," he said. "I'm a guy that's good at handling things. But it's a lot."

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Snitker said of Canó's early season struggles. "You're just hoping you get what Robinson Canó is capable of. It's worth a try. He's been playing a month in Triple A and doing well, so we'll see. He's in a great

shape."
Snitker managed Canó's father,
José Canó, who was a minor league
pitcher for the Class A Durham

Braves in 1984. "He was one of my starters in Durham," Snitker said.

The younger Canó arrived in Atlanta equipped with stories about Snitker from his dad. He said he's also heard about the Braves from friends on the team, including his offseason workout partner Marcell Ozuna.

"Everything they've said about this team is good," Canó said. "I'm excited for the opportunity and also happy to be here. I've seen from the other side, the energy and the chemistry, and the fans show up every day to support this team."

Albies fractured a foot last month in an at-bat, and Atlanta has been relying on Orlando Arcia as his replacement.

Arcia was hitting .252 with three homers and 17 RBIs in 123 at-bats this year. Snitker said he's been pleased with Albies' replacement, especially his defense.

The Mets owe Canó nearly \$45 million remaining on his original contract signed with Seattle.

He was earning a prorated share of the \$700,000 minimum in his major league deal with San Diego. He sat out last season in serving a second suspension for performance-enhancing drugs.

Canó was an eight-time All-Star while with the New York Yankees and Seattle. He is a two-time Gold Glove winner with 335 home runs and 1,306 RBIs in 17 seasons.

The Padres signed him to a minor league deal on June 10, eight days after releasing him.

In addition to adding Canó to the 26-man roster, the Braves reinstated outfielder Adam Duvall from the potermity list

the paternity list.

First baseman Mike Ford was optioned to Triple-A Gwinnett and infielder Phil Gosselin was designated for assignment.

Bruins

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his first job as an NHL head coach by the Dallas Stars during the 2019-20 season with the team citing unprofessional conduct. He later called that decision "appropriate" and a "wake-up call" while announcing he was going to a rehab facility for alcohol abuse.

Montgomery, who spent the past two seasons as an assistant with the St. Louis Blues, said he has learned from his mistakes.

"Everybody has ups and downs in life. And I think if you learn from it, grow, you get better," he said on Monday. "I think anybody can achieve good things in life if you're willing to accept change and make change."

Montgomery said he was excited to be taking over a team that won 51 games last year; the Bruins also went to Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Final in 2019 and had the league's best record the following season.

But that wasn't good enough to save Cassidy's job.

One of the complaints about Cassidy, who was quickly hired by the Vegas Golden Knights, was that he was too hard on young players. Montgomery, who said he has already reached out to about half of the roster, is known as more of a players' coach — but only to a limit.

"I think you have to listen. And I prefer to listen before I speak," he said. "We're always going to be in this together. It's going to be a 'we' culture. But when it comes to accountability and final decisions, I will be firm there."

With his family sitting in the front row of the TD Garden Legends room, Montgomery said he had already found a place to live and visited Fenway Park, where he saw the Red Sox beat the rival New York Yankees.

"So things have started off well here in Boston," he said. "We're excited with this rabid fan base in this great city of Boston. Be part of the Bruins family."

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	61	25	.709	_	_	5-5	L-2	34-9	27-16
Boston	47	39	.547	14	+2 1/2	4-6	W-2	23-20	24-19
Tampa Bay	45	40	.529	15 ½	+1	5-5	L-3	25-17	20-23
Toronto	45	42	.517	16 ½	_	1-9	L-4	25-18	20-24
Baltimore	43	44	.494	18 ½	2	8-2	W-8	25-17	18-27
CENTRAL	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	НОМЕ	AWAY
Minnesota	48	40	.545	_	_	5-5	W-1	25-18	23-22
Cleveland	41	42	.494	4 1/2	2	2-8	L-1	20-17	21-25
Chicago	41	43	.488	5	2 1/2	6-4	W-2	19-25	22-18
Detroit	36	50	.419	11	8 1/2	6-4	L-3	23-24	13-26
Kansas City	33	52	.388	13 ½	11	5-5	W-2	17-26	16-26
WEST	w	L	РСТ	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	НОМЕ	AWAY
Houston	56	29	.659	_	_	8-2	W-1	27-12	29-17
Seattle	45	42	.517	12	_	9-1	W-8	24-20	21-22
Texas	39	44	.470	16	4	3-7	L-1	19-21	20-23
Los Angeles	38	49	.437	19	7	2-8	L-4	21-23	17-26
Oakland	29	58	.333	28	16	4-6	L-1	11-31	18-27

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	53	33	.616	_	_	6-4	L-1	28-15	25-18
Atlanta	52	35	.598	1 ½	+5 1/2	8-2	W-3	30-18	22-17
Philadelphia	46	40	.535	7	_	7-3	L-1	24-21	22-19
Miami	41	43	.488	11	4	7-3	W-1	20-17	21-26
Washington	30	58	.341	24	17	1-9	L-4	14-31	16-27
CENTRAL	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	48	39	.552	_	_	4-6	L-2	21-19	27-20
St. Louis	46	42	.523	2 1/2	1	3-7	W-1	25-18	21-24
Pittsburgh	36	50	.419	11 ½	10	5-5	W-2	20-23	16-27
Chicago	34	52	.395	13 ½	12	4-6	L-4	17-27	17-25
Cincinnati	32	54	.372	15 ½	14	6-4	W-4	18-28	14-26
WEST	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	номе	AWAY
Los Angeles	56	29	.659	_	_	9-1	W-7	30-13	26-16
San Diego	49	38	.563	8	+2 1/2	3-7	L-2	23-20	26-18
San Francisco	43	41	.512	12 ½	2	3-7	W-2	21-20	22-21
Arizona	38	48	.442	18 ½	8	4-6	L-1	22-26	16-22
Colorado	38	48	.442	18 ½	8	5-5	W-1	23-21	15-27

Detroit	AB	R	Н	ВІ	SO	AVG
Greene cf	4	1	2	0	1	.256
Baez ss	3	0	0	0	1	.211
H.Castro 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.268
Cabrera dh	4	0	0	0	2	.291
Candelario 31	b 4	0	0	0	1	.190
W.Castro rf	4	0	1	0	1	.255
Torkelson 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.195
Clemens If	3	0	0	0	1	.161
Barnhart c	2	0	0	0	0	.215
b-Reyes ph	1	0	0	0	0	.307
Haase c	0	0	0	0	0	.234
TOTALS	32	1	4	0	8	
Kansas City	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Taylor dh	4	0	1	0	0	.264
Benintendi If	4	0	0	0	1	.313
Witt Jr. ss	4	1	2	0	0	.243
Pasquantino	1h/	2	2	2	1	.182

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2B: Gallagher (5), Taylor (6).

HR: Pasquantino (2), off Pineda. RBIs: Pasquantino 2(3). SB: Witt Jr. 2 (15), W.Castro (4), CS: Olivares (2), Runners left in scoring position: Detroit

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RISP: Detroit 1 for 7; Kansas City 1 ners moved up: Greene, Baez

4(Torkelson, H.Castro 2, Candelario); Kansas City 6(Pasquantino 2, Lopez 2

DETROIT	ΙP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	so	ERA				
Pineda, L, 2-4	51/3	7	3	2	0	2	3.58				
Chafin	2/3	0	0	0	1	2	2.39				
Vest	2	2	0	0	0	0	3.55				
KANSAS CITY	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	ERA				
Keller, W, 5-9	7	3	1	1	1	8	4.15				
Clarke, H, 9	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.99				
Barlow, S, 14-16	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.27				
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14-7; Vest 25-1	3; K	elle	er 9	1-6	7; C	lark	e				
19-13; Barlow	6-6.										
Inherited runners-scored: Chafin 2-1.											

Umpires: Home, Cory Blaser; First, Adam Beck; Second, Mark Ripperger; Third, Shane Livensparger. Time: 2:30. A: 11,084(37,903).

LATE SUNDAY: **BOSTON 11, N.Y. YANKEES 6** NY Yankees AB R H BI SO AVG

Lemanieu 2b	5	U	- 2	U	1	.267
Judge rf	5	1	1	0	1	.283
Rizzo 1b	4	1	1	0	0	.226
Stanton If	4	1	2	2	1	.236
Donaldson 3b	4	0	0	0	3	.228
Carpenter dh	3	2	2	2	0	.344
Hicks cf	3	1	0	0	1	.238
Trevino c	4	0	2	1	1	.261
Kiner-Falefa s	s 4	0	1	1	0	.267
TOTALS	36	6	11	6	8	
Boston	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Duran cf	3	0	0	0	0	.281
b-Downs ph-3	b2	0	0	1	1	.143
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N.Y. Yankees 222 000 000 - 6 11 2 Boston 021 031 40x -11 11 1 a-walked for Bradley Jr. in the 6th. b-pinch hit for Duran in the 6th. **E:** Kiner-Falefa (10), Abreu (1), Vazquez (5). LOB: New York 5, Boston 6. 2B: Rizzo (13), Vazquez (17), Story (17). **HR:** Stanton (22), off Pivetta; Carpenter (10), off Pivetta; Cordero (4), off Taillon; Vazguez (5), off Taillon: Martinez (9), off Taillon. RBIs: Stanton 2 (56), Trevino (27), Kiner Falefa (21), Carpenter 2 (22), Cordero 2 (24), Vazquez 2 (35), Martinez 2 (36), Downs (2), Story 3 (58). **S:** Cordero. Runners left in scoring position: New York 1(Rizzo); Boston 1(Vazquez). RISP: New York 3for 8; Boston 4for 8. Runners moved up: Dalbec, Duran. GIDP: Hicks, Judge.
DP: Boston 2(Cordero, Bogaerts;

Downs, Story, Daibec).								
NY YANKEES	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	ERA	
Taillon	5	7	6	6	1	3	4.01	
Chapman, L, 0-3	1	1	1	1	2	2	4.76	
Castro	0	2	4	2	1	0	4.00	
Abreu	2	1	0	0	0	2	2.53	
BOSTON	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA	
Pivetta	31/3	8	6	6	2	5	4.08	
Ort	12/3		0	0	0	0	0.00	
Sawamura, W, 1-	1 2	0	0	0	0	2	2.78	
Strahm	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.58	
Brasier	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.41	
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Pitches-Strikes: Taillon 91-58; Chap-)-	
man 27-15; Castro 13-7; Abreu 21-17						7;		
Pivetta 90-59;	18;	Sav	van	nura	l			
20-21: Strahm 11-0: Braciar 0-8								

)-21: Strahm 11-9: Brasier 9-8 Inherited runners-scored: Abreu 1-1, Ort 2-0. **Umpires:** Home, Tripp Gibson First, Erich Bacchus: Second, Chad Fairchild; Third, Jerry Layne. Time: 3:32. A: 37,291(37,755).

ON THIS DATE

1901: Cy Young of the Boston Red Sox won his 300th game with a 5-3 victory over the Philadelphia A's. 1921: Babe Ruth sets a record of 137 career home runs.

1945: Tommy Holmes of the Boston Braves went hitless to end his consecutive-game hitting streak at 37 games. an NL record that stood until Pete Rose broke it in 1978.

1949: Larry Doby of the Cleveland Indians and Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella and Don Newcombe of the host Brooklyn Dodgers became the first black players to appear in an All-Star game as the AL took advantage of five NL errors to win 11-7 at Ebbets Field in

1951: Allie Reynolds of the New York Yankees beat Bob Feller of the Indians 1-0 with a no-hit game at Cleveland. Gene Woodling's home run was the difference.

HOME RUNS,	2019-i R/G	PRES	ENT AVG	SLG
NY Yankees	5.15	768	.251	.448
LA Dodgers	5.32	743	.252	.452
Minnesota	4.96	737	.254	.449
Atlanta	5.13	724	.253	.449
Toronto	4.82	709	.253	.443
Houston	5.22	702	.262	.455
Milwaukee	4.56	638	.237	.413
Boston Chi Cubs	5.17 4.60	630 627	.265	.449 .419
Cincinnati	4.46	619	.242 .241	.419
Philadelphia	4.73	607	.245	.421
Tampa Bay	4.83	599	.245	.420
LA Angels	4.53	598	.244	.412
Seattle	4.38	591	.231	.397
NY Mets	4.51	589	.253	.419
Oakland	4.53	589	.235	.406
San Francisco	4.65	588	.245	.416
Baltimore	4.29	572	.243	.406
San Diego	4.49	564	.242	.407
Texas	4.35	562	.237	.398
Cleveland	4.48	551	.242	.407
St. Louis Colorado	4.48 4.75	550 549	.244	.406
Washington	4.73	547	.259	.424
Chi White Sox	4.65	536	.258	.416
Arizona	4.53	522	.240	.402
Kansas City	4.17	464	.246	.395
Miami	3.97	454	.239	.378
Detroit	3.86	442	.239	.384
Pittsburgh	4.05	441	.242	.385
PLAYER	HR	AB	AVG	SLG
Pete Alonso	129	1681	.259	.541
Eugenio Suárez	110	1596		.488
Kyle Schwarber	109	1430		.519
Aaron Judge Matt Olson	105 102	1347 1593	.280	.559 .511
Nolan Arenado	102	1681	.283	.524
Rafael Devers	100	1794		.547
Bryce Harper	98	1493	.287	.563
Nelson Cruz	97	1447	.279	.527
Marcus Semien	96	1852	.262	.488
Jorge Soler	96	1508	.239	.485
Mike Trout	94	1066	.288	.623
Freddie Freema		1747	.304	.534
José Ramírez	93	1556	.271	.538
Juan Soto	93	1490	.292	.544
José Abreu George Springer	92 r 92	1755 1255	.283	.504 .551
Vladimir Guerre			.284	.510
Max Muncy	91	1416	.204	.468
Paul Goldschmie		1706	.291	.513
Manny Machade		1660		.499
Shohei Ohtani	90	1390	.258	.520
Mookie Betts	88	1558	.281	.522
Ronald Acuña Ir	87	1291	276	530

Ronald Acuña Jr.

Yordan Álvarez

Matt Chapman

Hunter Renfroe

Trevor Story

Jose Altuve

Franmil Reves

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	Milwaukee	3.95	556	1574	4553	9.8
	Cincinnati	4.43	607	1687	4445	9.7
	Boston	4.50	581	1673	4435	9.5
	NY Yankees		607	1390	4413	9.6
	LA Dodgers	3.14	491	1233	4396	9.4
	Houston	3.67	563	1457	4395	9.5
	Tampa Bay	3.60	533	1275	4393	9.4
	NY Mets	4.14	570	1439	4354	9.5
	San Diego	4.17	575	1419	4335	9.4
	White Sox	4.21	587	1596	4207	9.2
	Cleveland	3.95	586	1383	4198	9.2
	Philadelphia		617	1499	4160	9.1
	Atlanta	4.01	527	1569	4154	9.0
	LA Angels	4.75	633	1638	4102	8.9
	Chi Cubs	4.46	621	1600	4087	8.9
	Washington		668	1607	4048	8.9
	Toronto	4.35	620	1567	4039	8.8
	Minnesota	4.25	600	1363	4022	8.7
	Pittsburgh	5.01	633	1755	3978	8.7
	San Fran.	3.95	514	1367	3974	8.5
	Miami	4.31	568	1635	3924	8.6
	Arizona	4.64	638	1575	3812	8.2
	Oakland	4.03	557	1362	3787	8.2
	Texas	4.78	636	1617	3779	8.3
	Seattle	4.50	645	1465	3767	8.1
	St. Louis	3.88	499	1632	3727	8.2
	Detroit	4.75	624	1557	3711	8.2
	Kansas City		580	1719	3703	8.1
	Baltimore	5.27	734	1560	3607	7.9
	Colorado	5.21	642	1609	3525	7.7
	PITCHER		SO	ERA	BB	SO 9

PITCHER	SO	ERA	BB	SO 9
Gerrit Cole	787	2.91	135	12.5
Robbie Ray	674	3.84	219	11.5
Aaron Nola	668	3.90	157	10.6
Max Scherzer	641	2.79	103	12.2
Lucas Giolito	623	3.73	168	11.0
Shane Bieber	614	3.02	119	11.4
Yu Darvish	612	3.65	134	10.5
Charlie Morton	606	3.50	159	10.6
Zack Wheeler	599	3.15	133	9.4
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Walker Buehler	527			9.6
Corbin Burnes	526			
Brandon Woodruff				
Patrick Corbin	524			8.8
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Germán Márquez				8.5
Sandy Alcantara			177	7.9
Tyler Mahle	501	4.28		10.0
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1955: St. Louis' Stan Musial hit Frank Sullivan's first pitch of the 12th inning for a home run to give the NL All-Star team a 6-5 victory over the AL at Milwaukee's County Stadium. The AL had led 5-0 after six innings.

2008: Greg Maddux became the oldest pitcher in big league history to steal a base at 42 years and 89 days when he stole a base in San Diego's loss to Atlanta, Jim Kaat had the previous mark. It was Maddux's 11th stolen base of his career.

2011: Prince Fielder hit a three-run homer and Roy Halladay and his relief combined on a six-hitter to lead the NL over the AL 5-1, giving the senior circuit its first two-game winning streak in the All-Star game since the mid-1990s. 2016: Kansas City's Eric Hosmer homered and drove in two runs, Royals teammate Salvador Perez also hit a two-run homer, and the American League won its fourth consecutiv All-Star Game, beating the NL 4-2.

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TEAM	TOTAL	AVG	STARTI	ER ERA	W	L	IP	HR	S
L.A. Dodgers	2,058,977	47,883	WSN	5.72	23	46	432.2	76	36
St. Louis	1,669,642	38,829	CIN	5.22	18	42	434.2	70	42
Atlanta	1,824,604	38,013	KCR	5.17	15	38	419.2	61	31
San Diego	1,585,983	36,883	COL	5.14	23	34	459.0	62	33
N.Y. Yankees	1,538,848	35,787	CHC	4.88	17	33	398.2	63	34
Houston	1,279,805	32,816	PIT	4.82	10	32	400.0	55	34
Chi Cubs	1,436,342	32,644	DET	4.77	17	34	415.1	65	32
Boston	1,386,099	32,235	BAL	4.57	21	24	413.2	59	31
Colorado	1,417,785	32,222	TEX	4.53	21	24	409.1	48	37
L.A. Angels	1,363,685	30,993	OAK	4.39	19	42	456.2	67	35
San Francisco	1,265,742	30,872	ARI	4.28	21	27	441.1	56	35
Toronto	1,316,405	30,614	CLE	4.12	18	31	461.1	60	39
Milwaukee	1,191,123	29,778	CHW	4.06	22	32	428.1	61	44
N.Y. Mets	1,266,756	29,459	TOR	4.01	29	24	442.2	57	41
Philadelphia	1,271,743	28,261	STL	3.99	24	33	455.2	54	35
Texas	1,006,895	25,172	BOS	3.95	27	23	433.0	58	38
Seattle	1,083,451	24,624	MIL	3.92	31	26	464.1	59	49
Chi White Sox	1,062,445	24,146	NYM	3.91	37	21	463.0	57	46
Washington	989,091	21,980	ATL	3.87	36	23	474.1	44	48
Minnesota	871,611	20,270	LAA	3.81	26	31	442.0	50	41
Arizona	936,305	19,506	MIN	3.77	27	22	427.0	53	343
Detroit	912,987	19,425	SFG	3.77	27	23	420.1	36	41
Cincinnati	828,777	18,017	PHI	3.72	27	25	474.2	52	44
Baltimore	678,635	16,158	MIA	3.61	27	29	459.1	56	42
Kansas City	672,308	16,007	SDP	3.60	27	23	492.1	54	49
Pittsburgh	641,753	14,924	SEA	3.59	30	32	487.0	68	42
Cleveland	541,401	14,632	TBR	3.32	21	21	388.0	50	40
Tampa Bay	584,942	13,927	NYY	3.23	34	12	480.0	64	48
Miami	434,131	11,733	HOU	3.15	44	21	489.1	58	46
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Cincinnati	30.1	27.4		MIA
St. Louis	28.6	29.2		CLE
Arizona	27.0			MIN
Baltimore	27.5			PHI
Houston	29.6			SDF
L.A. Angels	28.4			BOS
L.A. Dodgers		28.7		MIL
Seattle	27.0	28.1	3:07	SEA
San Francisco	30.5			NYN
Pittsburgh	26.6			STL
Colorado	29.5			TBF
Kansas City	28.2			LAD
Minnesota	26.9			TEX
Texas	28.9		3:05	BAL
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78	287	50	100	.348			
80	324	59	106	.327			
83	309	35	98	.317			
75	296	49	92	.311			
82	305	50	95	.311			
77	243	40	75	.309			
75	268	57	82	.306			
74	291	32	89	.306			
72	234	28	70	.299			
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HOME RUNS: Judge, New York, 30; Alvarez, Houston, 26; Trout, Los Ange les, 24: Buxton, Minnesota, 23: Rizzo New York, 22; Stanton, New York, 21; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 19; Seager, Texas, 19; Devers, Boston, 19; Guerrero Jr.,

RBI: J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 66; Judge New York, 65; Alvarez, Houston, 60 Tucker, Houston, 59; Story, Boston, 55; Stanton, New York, 54; Rizzo, New York, 54; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 54; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 54; Trout, Los Angeles, 51; A.Garcia, Texas, 51; Devers, Boston, 51. RUNS: Judge, New York, 66: Devers Boston, 59; Alvarez, Houston, 57; Trout, Los Angeles, 55; Arraez, Minnesota, 50: J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 50: J.Rodriguez, Seattle, 50; Springer, Toronto, 50; Bogaerts, Boston, 49; Ohtani, Los

HITS: Devers, Boston, 106; Arraez, Minnesota, 100; Benintendi, Kansas City, 98; Bichette, Toronto, 94; Bogaerts, Boston, 93; J.Abreu, Chicago, 92: J.Martinez, Boston, 91: France, Seattle, 89; Judge, New York, 89; J.Rodri-**DOUBLES:** J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 29;

Devers, Boston, 27; J.Martinez, Boston 27; Gurriel, Houston, 24; J.Abreu, Chicago, 23; Mullins, Baltimore, 23; Bogaerts, Boston. 21: Espinal. Toronto Gurriel Jr., Toronto, 21; 6 tied at 20. TRIPLES: Rosario, Cleveland, 5; Witt Jr., Kansas City, 5; A.Garcia, Texas, 4; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 4; Gordon, Minne sota, 3; Kwan, Cleveland, 3; Mateo, Baltimore, 3; Odor, Baltimore, 3; Rivera,

STOLEN BASES: Mateo, Baltimore, 21; J.Rodriguez, Seattle, 21; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 18; Mullins, Baltimore, 16; Merrifield, Kansas City, 14; Semien, Texas, 14; Tucker, Houston, 14; Kiner Falefa, New York, 13; J.Ramirez, Cleve land, 13; Straw, Cleveland, 13; Witt Jr., Kansas City, 13. **PITCHING:** Verlander, Houston, 11-3;

Gilbert, Seattle, 10-3; Taillon, New

York, 9-2; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 9-3;

Manoah, Toronto, 9-4; Cole, New York,

8-2; Urquidy, Houston, 8-3; Cimber, Toronto, 8-3; F.Valdez, Houston, 8-4; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 8-4. ERA: McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 1.73; Verlander, Houston, 2.00; Manoah, Toronto, 2.34; Cease, Chicago, 2.45; F.Valdez, Houston, 2.64; M.Perez, Texas, 2.72; Cortes, New York, 2.74; Gilbert eattle, 2.80; Gausman, Toronto, 2.86; Montgomery, New York, 3.19. STRIKEOUTS: McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 141; Cease, Chicago, 133; Cole, New York, 124; Ray, Seattle, 123; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 111; Javier, Houston, 102 Gausman, Toronto, 100; Gilbert, Seattle, 100; Montas, Oakland, 100; Bieber, Cleveland, 99.

SAVES	SV	TM	ERA	SO	BF
Clase	19	Cle	1.53	39	136
Pressly	18	Hou	3.38	24	93
Romano	18	Tor	2.61	35	128
Hendriks	17	ChW	2.51	42	116
Soto	17	Det	2.67	31	129
Cl.Holmes	16	NYY	0.46	40	148
Jor.López	16	Bal	1.74	47	168
R. Iglesias	15	LAA	4.50	43	120
Barlow	13	Tex	3.07	22	117
S. Barlow	13	KC	2.33	38	157
D.Jiménez	11	Oak	4.38	23	106
Sewald	10	Sea	2.43	38	125

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TBR	3.32		21	21	388.0	50	403
NYY	3.23		34	12	480.0	64	482
HOU	3.15		44	21	489.1	58	462
LAD	2.72	2	40	13	456.1	49	435
REFLIEF	ERA	W	L	SV	IP	HR	SO
CIN	5.42	14	12	15	319.0	50	327
KCR	4.75	17	14			33	295
PIT	4.69	26					339
COL	4.68	15	14	24	298.0	31	264
CHC	4.45	17	19	18	368.1	54	415
WSN	4.44	7	12				
ARI	4.32	17	21	17	318.2	37	266
TOR	4.30	16	18	24	328.1	45	309
OAK	4.30	10					
SFG	4.27	16				31	281
CHW	4.16	19					339
LAA	4.13	12	18			46	303
MIA	4.11	14					294
CLE	3.82	23					286
MIN	3.78	21					364
PHI	3.75						308
SDP	3.72	22					282
BOS	3.63	20					
MIL	3.59						
SEA	3.57	15					310
NYM	3.54	16					
STL	3.46	22	9				286
TBR	3.39					48	339
LAD TEX	3.31 3.27	16 18					326
	3.27	22					302 324
BAL ATL	3.25						357
DET	3.10	19				19	319
NYY	2.74						300
HOU	2.63		13				
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BATTING AVG.	G	AB	R	Н	AVG.		
Goldschmidt StL	84	315	61	107	.340		
Harper Phi	64	242	49	77	.318		
McNeil NYM	77	264	38	82	.311		
M.Machado SD	76	285	51	88	.309		
Hoerner ChC	71	252	27	77	.306		
Bell Was	87	316	44	96	.304		
Lux LAD	77	247	43	75	.304		
Freeman LAD	85	336	55	102	.304		
Swanson Atl	87	334	54	101	.302		
T.Turner LAD	85	342	46	103	.301		
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HOME RUNS: Schwarber, Philadelphia, 28; Alonso, New York, 23; Riley, Atlanta, 23; C.Walker, Arizona, 21; Betts, Los Angeles, 20; Cron, Colorado, 20; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 19; Drury, Cincinnati, 18; 8 tied at 17. RBI: Alonso, New York, 70; Cron, Colo-

rado, 66: Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 65: T.Turner, Los Angeles, 61; Lindor, New York, 60; Schwarber, Philadelphia, 57; Riley, Atlanta, 56; Tellez, Milwaukee 55; Arenado, St. Louis, 55; Freeman, Los **RUNS:** Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 61;

schwarber, Philadelphia, 61; Betts.

Los Angeles, 60; Edman, St. Louis, 58;

Yelich, Milwaukee, 56; Freeman, Los Angeles, 55: Swanson, Atlanta, 54: Diego, 52: Soto, Washington, 52. HITS: Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 107: T.Turner, Los Angeles, 103; Freeman Los Angeles, 102: Swanson, Atlanta, 101; Bell, Washington, 96; Cron, Colorado, 96; Riley, Atlanta, 94; Arenado, St. Louis, 93; M.Machado, San Diego, 88; S.Marte, New York, 87. **DOUBLES:** Olson, Atlanta, 33; Gold-

schmidt, St. Louis, 28; Freeman, Los Angeles, 27; K.Marte, Arizona, 25; Happ, Chicago, 23; T.Turner, Los Ange les, 22; Cronenworth, San Diego, 21; Harper, Philadelphia, 21: Riley, Atlanta 21; Arenado, St. Louis, 20; Cooper, Miami, 20; Profar, San Diego, 20; J.Turner, Los Angeles, 20.

TRIPLES: Nimmo, New York, 5; Chisholm Jr., Miami, 4; Gregorius, Philadelphia, 4; Joe, Colorado, 4; Lux, Los Angeles, 4; Wong, Milwaukee, 4;

STOLEN BASES: Berti, Miami, 27: Edman, St. Louis, 19; Acuna Jr., Atlanta 17; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 17; Bader, St. Louis, 15: Swanson, Atlanta, 14: Yelich Milwaukee, 13; Chisholm Jr., Miami, 12; Estrada, San Francisco, 12; Bellinger, Los Angeles, 11; Realmuto, Philadel-

PITCHING: Gonsolin, Los Angeles, 11-0; Wright, Atlanta, 10-4; T.Anderson, Los Angeles, 9-1; Fried, Atlanta, 9-2; Alcantara, Miami, 9-3; Carrasco, New York 9-4; Musgrove, San Diego, 8-2; Wheeler Philadelphia, 8-4; Rodon, San Francisco, 8-5; T.Walker, New York, 7-2. **ERA:** Gonsolin, Los Angeles, 1.62; Alcantara, Miami, 1.73; Musgrove, Sar Diego, 2.09; Burnes, Milwaukee, 2.20; Wheeler, Philadelphia, 2,46: Fried Atlanta, 2.52; T.Walker, New York, 2.63 Rodon, San Francisco, 2.70; Mikolas, St Louis, 2.72; P.Lopez, Miami, 2.91. STRIKEOUTS: Burnes, Milwaukee, 134; Rodon, San Francisco, 124; Aa. Nola, Philadelphia, 120: Alcantara, Miami, 111; Morton, Atlanta, 108; H.Greene, Cincinnati, 107; Wheeler, Philadelphia, 104; Wright, Atlanta, 103; Mahle Cincinnati, 102; Strider, Atlanta, 102.

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	Hader	26	Mil	1.88	49	11
	Rogers	23	SD	3.63	40	14
	Jansen	20	Atl	3.58	47	12
	D. Bard	18	Col	2.20	40	13
	Ed. Díaz	18	NYM	1.78	70	13
	Bednar	15	Pit	2.63	55	16
	Kimbrel	15	LAD	4.66	45	13
	Doval	12	SF	3.28	43	15
	Knebel	12	Phi	3.09	32	15
	Rainey	12	Was	3.30	36	12
	Robertson	12	ChC	2.10	45	14
	Scott	12	Mia	4.04	54	15
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ТО	DAY'S PITCH	ING C	ОМІ	PARI	SON						
INTE	RLEAGUE		2022		2021 VS OPP		LAST 3 STARTS				
TM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	ΙP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Cin	Ashcraft (R)		4-2	4.35	6-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	16.1	6.06
NYY	Cole (R)	7:05p	8-2	3.26	13-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	19.0	3.79
Sea	Flexen (R)		5-8	4.00	6-10	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	17.2	3.06
Was	Gray (R)	7:05p	7-5	4.14	8-8	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	18.2	4.82
Phi	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Tor	Berríos (R)	7:07p	6-4	5.44	12-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	13.2	7.24
Mil	Alexander (R)		2-1	4.75	3-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	16.2	6.48
Min	Winder (R)	7:40p	4-2	3.12	4-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	14.1	3.14
Bal	Lyles (R)		5-7	4.50	6-11	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	19.1	2.79
ChC	Sampson (R)	8:05p	0-0	2.91	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	16.0	3.94
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TM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	ΙP	ERA
ChW	Cease (R)	G1	7-4	2.45	12-5	0-1	5.1	6.75	2-1	18.0	1.50
Cle	Bieber (R)	1:10p	3-5	3.44	10-6	1-0	6.0	1.50	0-2	18.2	5.30
Bos	Sale (L)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	12.2	4.97
TB	Kluber (R)	7:10p	4-5	3.62	8-8	1-1	11.0	3.27	1-1	14.1	4.40
ChW	Martin (R)	G2	1-2	4.29	0-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	10.1	4.35
Cle	TBD	7:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Oak	Kaprielian (R)		1-5	5.06	6-7	0-0	4.1	8.31	1-0	17.1	2.60
Tex	Otto (R)	8:05p	4-5	5.26	5-6	1-0	5.0	1.80	0-3	11.0	9.00
Det	Brieske (R)		2-6	4.16	5-9	0-0	6.0	4.50	1-0	16.0	4.50
KC	Bubic (L)	8:10p	1-6	6.84	4-8	0-0	9.0	3.00	0-2	14.2	5.52
Hou	Garcia (R)		7-5	3.81	10-5	1-0	5.2	4.76	3-0	16.2	4.86
LAA	Syndergaard (R)9:38p	5-7	3.84	5-8	1-0	5.1	0.00	1-2	19.1	4.66
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NATIO	ONAL LEAGUE		20)22		2021	VS	OPP	LAST 3 START	rs
TM	PITCHER	TIME		ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L IP EF	
Pit	TBD	C 40	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0 0.0 0.0	
Mia	Castano (L)	6:40p	1-2	3.60	3-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1 16.0 4.	50
NYM	Peterson (L)		5-1	3.48	9-2	1-0	5.0	5.40	1-0 16.2 4.3	32
Atl	Strider (R)	7:20p	4-2	2.60	4-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0 18.0 0.	50
LAD	White (R)		1-1	3.38	4-3	0-1	6.0	6.00	0-0 14.1 2.	51
StL	Liberatore (L)	7:45p	2-1	4.74	5-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0 11.2 3.5	86
SD	Clevinger (R)		2-1	3.34	6-1	0-0	2.0	9.00	1-1 16.0 2.	81
Col	Gomber (L)	8:40p	4-7	6.46	6-8	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1 15.1 7.0	04
Ari	Keuchel (L)		2-6	7.63	4-7	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1 16.1 7.	16
SF	Webb (R)	9:45p	7-3	2.98	10-7	0-0	5.0	0.00	1-1 20.0 1.	80

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher. Vs. Opp: Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

AMERICAN LEAGUE MONDAY'S RESULTS G1: Kansas City 3, Detroit 1 Boston at Tampa Bay, late Chi. White Sox at Cleveland, late Oakland at Texas, late G2: Detroit at Kansas City, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES Seattle at Washington, 12:05p.m.

Milwaukee at Minnesota, 1:10n.m. Detroit at Kansas City, 2:10p.m. Cincinnati at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05p.m. Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:07p.m. Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:10p.m. Chi. White Sox at Cleveland, 7:10p.m. Baltimore at Chicago Cubs. 8:05p.m. Oakland at Texas, 8:05p.m. Houston at L.A. Angels, 9:38p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS Baltimore 9, L.A. Angels 5 Chi. White Sox 4, Detroit 2 Kansas City 5, Cleveland 1 Cincinnati 10, Tampa Bay 5 Minnesota 6, Texas 5 Houston 6, Oakland 1 Seattle 6, Toronto 5

N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, late San Diego at Colorado, late Arizona at San Francisco, late WEDNESDAY'S GAMES Seattle at Washington, 12:05p.m. N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 12:20n.m. Milwaukee at Minnesota, 1:10p.m. Arizona at San Francisco, 3:45p.m.

Pittsburgh at Miami, 6:40p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE MONDAY'S RESULTS

Pittsburgh at Miami, late Philadelphia at St. Louis, late

Cincinnati at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05p.m Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:07p.m. L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis, 7:45p.m. Baltimore at Chi. Cubs. 8:05p.m. San Diego at Colorado, 8:40p.m. SUNDAY'S RESULTS Miami 2, N.Y. Mets 0 (10) Cincinnati 10, Tampa Bay 5 St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3 Atlanta 4, Washington 3 (12)

Pittsburgh 8, Milwaukee 6 Colorado 3, Arizona 2 San Francisco 12, San Diego 0

L.A. Dodgers 11, Chi. Cubs 9

Boston 11, N.Y. Yankees 6 AROUND THE HORN

■ All-Star Game: Dodger Stadium concession workers could go on strike in advance of next week's All-Star Game in Los Angeles, the union representing those workers said Monday. Of the food and beverage workers at Dodger Stadium, 99% voted Sunday to authorize a strike. Unite Here spokeswoman Maria Hernandez said in a statement. The strike could begin "at any time," according to the statement. The Dodger Stadium All-Star festivities begin Saturday, with the Futures Game, followed by the Home Run Derby on Monday and the All-Star Game on Tuesday. The workers are employed by Chicago-based Levy Restaurants, the company responsible for concession operations at Dodger Stadium. In the statement, the union said it represents close to 1,500 "food servers, bartenders, suite attendants, cooks and dishwashers at Dodger Stadium." The workers seek "a fair new union contract," the statement said. In an interview, Hernandez said she couldn't provide specific demands but said the pandemic had put a stark light on the housing and healthcare disparities that workers face. "They are the backbone of our tourism and sports industry, yet many struggle to stay housed and to make ends meet," said Susan Minato, co-president of Unite Here Local 11. "They often live with economic uncertainty because the quality of jobs vary stadium to stadium. No worker should have to continue living like this." ... Mets slugger Pete Alonso will try to become the first

player to win the All-Star

Home Run Derby in three

consecutive years. The

Mets first baseman was announced Monday as the first of eight participants in the July 18 competition. "It's a really fun event, and it's going to be super exciting," Alonso said before the Mets played the Braves on Monday night in Atlanta. "I have a really good plan to go into it and, again, I have just so much fun. I don't think anyone has more fun than I do, especially when it comes to this event." Dave Jauss, who was the Mets' bench coach and is now a Nationals special assistant, will pitch to Alonso for the second straight derby. Alonso hit 74 total home runs in last year's derby at the Rockies' Coors Field in Denver and beat the Orioles' Trey Mancini 23-22 in the final round. Alonso joined Ken Griffey Jr. (1998-99) and Yoenis Céspedes (2013-14) in winning consecutive titles. Griffey also won in 1994 and is the only threetime champion. There was no derby in 2020, when the All-Star Game scheduled for Dodger Stadium was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Alonso won the 2019 Derby in Cleveland as a rookie when he defeated Vladimir Guerrero Jr. in the final round, also by 23-22. Guerrero, whose father won the event in 2007, hit 91 total homers but tired in the final

■ Rays: SS Wander Franco will undergo surgery Tuesday to remove and repair a broken hamate bone in his right hand. Franco is expected to miss about five to eight weeks. Rays manager Kevin Cash also said that OF Kevin Kiermaier will see a specialist after the All-Star break to address recurring issues with his left hip and will "be down for some time."

TUESDAY'S MATCH

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES Real Salt Lake at Atlanta, 7:30p.m. Toronto FC at Chicago, 8p.m. Vancouver at Cincinnati, 8p.m. Columbus at D.C. United, 8p.m. Philadelphia at Miami, 8p.m. Sporting KC at Minnesota, 8p.m. Seattle at Nashville, 8:30p.m. Orlando City at Colorado, 9n.m New York City FC at FC Dallas, 9p.m. San Jose at LA Galaxy, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES Toronto FC at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m. New England at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m. Seattle at Chicago, 8p.m. Charlotte FC at Miami, 8p.m. D.C. United at Minnesota, 8n.m. LA Galaxy at Colorado, 9p.m. Austin FC at FC Dallas, 9p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Orlando City at Atlanta, 3p.m. N.Y. City FC at N.Y. Red Bulls, 5p.m. Cincinnati at Columbus, 7:30p.m. Los Angeles FC at Nashville, 8:30p.m Sporting KC at Real Salt Lake, 9:30p.m.

Houston at San Jose, 9:30p.m. Vancouver at Portland, 10:30p.m.

NWSL						
CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	6	3	3	21	19	11
Chicago	5	1	5	20	19	12
Portland	4	1	6	18	24	10
OL Reign	4	2	5	17	11	8
Angel City FC	5	4	2	17	10	11
Houston	4	4	3	15	16	13
Kansas City	4	4	3	15	11	14
Gotham FC	4	5	0	12	7	13
Orlando	3	5	3	12	12	26
Louisville	2	5	4	10	13	18
Washington	1	5	6	9	11	15
North Carolina	2	5	2	8	14	16
Three points for v	win, (one	ро	int 1	or ti	e.

FRIDAY'S MATCHES Angel City FC at North Carolina, 7:30 p.m. Louisville at San Diego Wave FC, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES Chicago at Houston, 8:30p.m. Gotham FC at Portland, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Orlando at Washington, 5p.m. OL Reign at Kansas City, 7p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS Kansas City 1, Washington 0 North Carolina 2, Chicago 2 Portland 2, OL Reign 2

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (7-0-1) s-Feb. 17: U.S. 0, Czech Republic 0 s-Feb. 20: U.S. 5. New Zealand 0 **s-Feb. 23:** U.S. 5, Iclenad 0 **April 9:** U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 1 April 12: U.S. 9. Uzbekistan 0 June 25: U.S. 3, Colombia 0 June 28: U.S. 2, Colombia 0 v-July 4: U.S. 3. Haiti 0 v. July 7: U.S. 5 Jamaica 0 v-Monday: at Mexico, late s-Shebelieves Cup v-CONCACAF W Championship

109TH TOUR DE FRANCE	
Monday: rest day	
OVERALL STANDINGS	
	3:43:4
2. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark	:39
3. Geraint Thomas, Great Britain	
4. Adam Yates, Great Britain	1:25
5. David Gaudu. France	1:38
6. Romain Bardet, France	1:39
7. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britain	
8. Enric Mas, Spain	1:50
9. Neilson Powless, U.S.	1:55
10. Nairo Quintana, Colombia	2:13
30. Brandon McNulty, U.S.	7:02
40. Sepp Kuss, U.S.	13:36
64. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S.	16:55
138. Joe Dombrowski, U.S.	37:19
153. Quinn Simmons, U.S.	49:55
YOUNG RIDERS STANDINGS	13.33
	3:43:44
2. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britain	
3. Brandon McNulty, U.S.	7:25
4. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S.	28:08
5. Andreas Leknessund, Norway	
6. Kevin Geniets, Luxembourg	32:37
7. Georg Zimmerman, Germany	
8. Jasper Philipsen, Belgium	46:39
9. Andreas Kron, Denmark	47:13
10. Michael Storer, Australia	49:01
	1:12:4
MOUNTAIN STANDINGS PT	
1. Simmon Geschke, Germany	19
2. Bob Jungels, Luxembourg	1
3. Thibaut Pinot, France	1
4. Magnus Cort Nielsen, Denmar	k 1
5. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia	1
6. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark	
7. Pierre Latour, France	
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UPCOMING STAGES Tuesday Stage 10: Morzine Les Portes Du Soleil—Megeve, hilly, 148.1 (92) Wednesday Stage 11: Ablertville—Col Du Granon Serre Chevalier, mountain, Thursday Stage 12: Braincon-Alpe

8. Carlos Verona, Spain

10. Hugo Houle, Canada

. Primoz Roglic, Slovenia

d'Huez, mountain, 165.1 (102) Friday Stage 13: Le Bourg D'Oisans-Saint-Etienne, flat, 192.6 (119)

ODDS			
MLB NATIONAL LEA	GUE	TUES	DAY
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Miami	off	Pittsburgh	off
at Atlanta	-158	NY Mets	+134
LA Dodgers	-138	at St. Louis	+118
San Diego	-134	at Colorado	+114
at San Francisco	-240	Arizona	+198
AMERICAN LEA	AGUE		
Chi White Sox	-115	at Cle. (G1)	-105
Boston	-124	at Tampa Bay	+106
Chi White Sox		at Cle. (G2)	-105
at Texas	-172	Oakland	+144
at Kanas City	-130	Detroit	+110
Houston	-130	at LA Angels	+110
INTERLEAGUE			
at NY Yankees		Cincinnati	+270
Seattle	-112	at Washington	
at Toronto	off		off
at Minnesota	-130	Milwaukee	+110
Baltimore	-112	at Chi Cubs	-104
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Hous	ton	-130	at LA	Angels	+110
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Seatt	le	-112	at Wa	shingto	n -104
at Tor	onto	off	Phila	delphia	ι off
at Mi	nnesota	-130	Milw	aukee	+110
Baltir	nore	-112	at Ch	i Cubs	-104
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Sea	+500	+425	Con	+350	+425
	+1800				
NYL	+3300	+5000	Phx	+450	+6000
Dal	+5000	+7000	Atl	+6000	+10000
Min	+800	+15000	Ind	+8000	+25000
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TENNIS	П
ATP HALL OF FAME OPEN	E
At International Tennis Hall of Fame,	7
Newport, R.I., outdoors-grass	1 6
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32	1
Peter Gojowczyk d. Ugo Humbert,	2
7-5, 6-4.	ľ
Jacon Kuhlar di Jardan Thompson	1 :

Steve Johnson d. Stefan Kozlov, 7-5, 6-3. Jack Sock d. Radu Albot, 6-1, 7-6(2)

ATP NORDEA OPEN At Bastad Tennis Stadium, Bastad, Sweden, Red-clay, outdoors MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32 #5 Pablo Carreno Busta d Stan Wawrinka, 7-5, 6-4. Elias Ymer d. Daniel Altmaier, 6-4. 7-6(0). Laslo Djere d. Lorenzo Musetti, 6-3, 7-5.

WTA HUNGARIAN GRAND PRIX At Europe Tennis Center, Budapest, Hungary, Red-clay, outdoors WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32 #5 Aliaksandra Sasnovich d Fanny Stollar, 6-3, 0-6, 6-3. Kamilla Rakhimova d. #7 Elena-Gabriela Ruse, 6-4, 6-7(3), 6-3. Lesia Tsurenko d. Carolina Alves,

Bernarda Pera d. Marina Bassols Ribera, 6-2, 7-5. Kateryna Baindl d. Timea Babos,

WTA LADIES OPEN LAUSANNE At Stade-Lausanne Tennis Club, Laus-anne, Switzerland, Red-clay, outdoors WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32 #4 Sara Sorribes Tormo d. Lauren Davis, 6-2, 7-6(1).

Anna Kalinskaya d. #7 Tamara Zidansek, 7-6(2), 3-6, 6-3. Jule Niemeier d. Ylena In-Albon, 7-5, 6-7(3), 6-3,

Anastasia Potapova d. Lucia Bronzetti, Clara Burel d. Zhu Lin, 6-0, 6-1. Susan Bandecchi d. Oceane Dodin,

6-2, 6-1.	,
ATP SINGLE RANKINGS	
1. Daniil Medvedev, Russia	7,775
2. Alexander Zverev, Germany	6,850
3. Rafael Nadal, Spain	6,165
4. Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece	5,150
5. Casper Ruud, Norway	5,050
6. Carlos Alcaraz, Spain	4,845
7. Novak Djokovic, Serbia	4,770
8. Andrey Rubley, Russia	3,700
9. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada	3,445
10. Jannik Sinner, Italy	3.185
11. Cameron Norrie, Great Britain	3.155
12. Hubert Hurkacz, Poland	3,025
13. Taylor Fritz, U.S.	2,975
14. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina	2,325
15. Matteo Berrettini, Italy	2,280
16. Marin Cilic, Croatia	2,130
17. Reilly Opelka, U.S. 18. Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain	2,055 1,926
19. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria	1,740
20. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain	1,658
21. Gael Monfils, France	1,615
22. John Isner, U.S.	1.593
23. Denis Shapovalov, Canada	1,573
24. Botic Van de Zandschulp, Neth.	1,483
25. Nikoloz Basilashvili, Georgia	1,460
26. Alex de Minaur, Australia	1,460
27. Karen Khachanov, Russia	1,440
28. Holger Rune, Denmark 29. Frances Tiafoe, U.S.	1,420 1,349
30. Filip Krajinovic, Serbia	1,300
31. Miomir Kecmanovic, Serbia	1,271
32. Tommy Paul, U.S.	1,208
33. Jenson Brooksby, U.S.	1,187
34. Sebastian Baez, Argentina	1,168
35. Daniel Evans, Great Britain	1,128
36. A. Davidovich Fokina, Spai	1,110
37. Oscar Otte, Germany	1,097
38. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain	1,065
39. Francisco Cerundolo, Argentina	1,064
40. Aslan Karatsev, Russia	1,062
41. Maxime Cressy, U.S.	1,047
42. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan	1,035

43. Emil Ruusuvuori, Finland

45. Nick Kyrgios, Australia 46. Lloyd Harris, South Africa

47. Tallon Griekspoor, Netherlands 969

44. Alex Molcan, Slovakia

48. Benjamin Bonzi, France 49. Brandon Nakashima, U.S. 50. Mackenzie McDonald, U.S. WTA SINGLES RANKINGS 1. Iga Swiatek, Poland 2. Anett Kontaveit, Estonia 4,326 3. Maria Sakkari, Greece 4. Paula Badosa, Spain 4,190 4,030 5. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia 4.010 6. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus 7. Danielle Collins, U.S. 3,267 3,131 8. Jessica Pegula, U.S. 3.087 9. Garbine Muguruza, Spain 10. Emma Raducanu, Great Britain Coco Gauff. U.S. 2,647 12. Daria Kasatkina, Russia 13. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland Levlah Annie Fernandez, Canada 2,588 15. Karolina Pliskova, Cz. Rep. 16. Simona Halep, Romania 16. Simona Halep, Romania 2,415
T. Barbora Krejcikova, Cz. Rep. 2,353
18. Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia 2,302
19. Veronika Kudermetova, Russia 2,090
O. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus 2,016
21. Jil Teichmann, Switzerland 2,114
22. Amanda Anisimova, U.S. 1,831
23. Elena Rybakina, Kazakhstan 1,805
24. Petra Kvitova, Czech Republic 1,786
25. Beatriz Haddad Maia, Brazil 1,782 26. Martina Trevisan, Italy 1,744
27. Madison Keys, U.S. 1,725
28. Camila Giorgi, Italy 1,718
29. Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia 1,691 30. Elise Mertens, Belgium 31. Angelique Kerber, Germany 32. Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan 32. Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan 33. Alison Riske, U.S. 34. Sorana Cirstea, Romania 35. Kaia Kanepi, Estonia 36. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus 37. Zhang Shuai, China 38. Alize Cornet, France 39. Anhelina Kalinina, Ukraine 40. Naomi Osaka, Japan 41. Alison van Uytvanck, Belgium 42. Elina Svitolina, Ukraine 43. Sara Sorribes Tormo, Spain 44. Shelby Rogers, U.S.

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MEN'S ACES	М	ACE	COUNTRY
Nick Kyrgios	7	150	Australia
John Isner	3	116	U.S.
Taylor Fritz	5	77	U.S.
Tim Van Rijthoven	1 4	73	Netherlands
Novak Djokovic	7	65	Serbia
WOMEN'S ACES	М	ACE	COUNTRY
Eelena Rybakina	7	53	Kazakhstan
Caroline Garcia	4	30	France
Tatjana Maria	6	26	Germany
Ons Jabeur	7	21	Tunisia
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MEN	М	MPH	COUNTRY
John Isner	3	138	U.S.
Alexandre Bublik	3	137	Kazakhstan
Nick Kyrgios	7	137	Australia
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Kazakhstan

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Coco Gauff

Elena Rybakina

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10	12	.455	6
9	13	.409	7
5	19	.208	12
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15	8	.652	1/2
10	12	.455	5
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TUESDAY'S GAMES Dallas at Seattle, 3p.m. Las Vegas at New York, 7p.m. Atlanta at Chicago, 8p.m. Phoenix at Minnesota, 8p.m. Washington at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAME

Connecticut at mulana	t, 12p.111.	
EAST	PS/G	PA/G
Chicago Sky	85.9	80.1
Connecticut Sun	83.9	77.8
Washington Mystics	79.6	75.5
Atlanta Dream	77.7	79.5
New York Liberty	79.2	82.6
Indiana Fever	78.2	88.6
WEST	PS/G	PA/G
Las Vegas Aces	89.8	85.4
Seattle Storm	80.7	76.2
Dallas Wings	81.5	81.8
Los Angeles Sparks	81.4	86.0
Phoenix Mercury	82.2	84.8
Minnesota Lynx	81.9	83.0

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Chicago	8-2	8-4	3-4	3-0
Indiana	3-9	2-10	1-0	0-14
Seattle	9-4	6-4	4-0	8-5
Los Angeles	5-5	5-7	4-3	2-6
Phoenix	6-4	4-10	2-2	5-9
New York	4-7	5-6	1-2	5-6
Washington	7-4	7-6	2-2	10-2
Atlanta	6-6	4-6	1-1	4-8
Las Vegas	8-4	7-3	1-1	7-3
Minnesota	5-7	3-8	2-4	4-5
Dallas	5-7	5-5	0-2	7-4
Connecticut	8-3	6-5	1-1	8-1
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NBA SUMMER LEAGUE

NBA 2K23 SUMMER LEAGUE at Las Vegas

Sunday, July 10 Sacramento 103, Indiana 96 Brooklyn 91, Philadelphia 84 New York 101, Chicago 69 Washington 97, Phoenix 72 Denver 84, Cleveland, 76 San Antonio 85, Golden State 84 Memphis 70, Minnesota 63 Charlotte 89, L.A. Lakers 86 (20T)

Monday's results New Orleans 101, Atlanta 73 Houston vs. San Antonio, late Milwaukee vs. Boston, late Orlando vs. Oklahoma City, late Dallas vs. Utah, late

Tuesday's games Chicago vs. Toronto, 5p.m. Memphis vs. Brooklyn, 6:30p.m. Atlanta vs. Miami, 7p.m. Boston vs. Golden State, 8:30p.m. Detroit vs. Indiana, 9p.m. Phoenix vs. Dallas, 10:30p.m. L.A. Lakers vs. L.A. Clippers, 11p.m.

GOLF	
LATE SUNDAY: PGA BARBASOL CHAN 4th of 4 rounds, Keene Tra lasville, Ky., 7,328 yards; F	ce GC, Nicho-
263 (-25)	\$666,000
Trey Mullinax (300)	65-65-67-66
264 (-24)	\$403,300
Kevin Streelman (165)	66-64-67-67
266 (-22)	\$255,300
Mark Hubbard (105)	65-67-69-65
267 (-21)	\$181,300
Hurly Long (0)	68-65-63-71
268 (-20)	\$151,700
Vince Whaley (65)	70-64-67-67
269 (-19)	\$134,125
Adam Svensson (60)	62-67-69-71
270 (-18)	\$124,875
Michael Kim (55)	65-68-67-70
271 (-17)	\$100,825
Sean O'Hair (42)	68-65-65-73
Marcus Helligkilde (0)	70-69-66-66
Ricardo Gouveia (0)	64-65-72-70
Matti Schmid (0)	65-63-66-77
Justin Lower (42)	69-70-66-66

LATE SUNDAY: NASCAR CUP QUAKER STATE 400 Sunday at Atlanta Motor Speedway Hampton, Ga., Lap length: 1.54 miles FP ST DRIVER M LAP PT

AUTO RACING

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1	1	Chase Elliott	С	260	60
2	2	Ross Chastain	С	260	45
3	5	Austin Cindric	F	260	34
4	25	Erik Jones	С	260	33
5	6	Ryan Blaney	F	260	46
6	7	Daniel Suárez	С	260	31
7	24	Justin Haley	С	260	30
8	22	Aric Almirola	F		29
9	18	Cole Custer	F	260	28
10	27	Harrison Burton	F	260	31
11	9	Martin Truex Jr	Т	260	26
12	10	Kevin Harvick	F	260	25
13		Kyle Larson	С	260	26
14		Bubba Wallace	Т	260	23
15	12	Michael McDowell	F	260	22
16	14		F	260	21
17	28	Todd Gilliland	F	260	20
18	31	Brad Keselowski	F		27
19	15	Christopher Bell	Т	260	24
20	19	Kyle Busch	Т		22
21	30	Corey Lajoie	С	260	17
22	21	Kurt Busch	Т	259-a	25
23	34	Cody Ware	F		14
24	36	Landon Cassill	С		0
25	16	Denny Hamlin	Т		15
26	17	Joey Logano	F	252-d	11
27	33	Garrett Smithley	F	252	0
28	23	Ty Dillon	С		9
	4	Tyler Reddick	С		
30	13	William Byron	С		
31	20				
	8	Alex Bowman	С	160-d	
33		Chris Buescher	F		4
	29		С		0
35			С	90-a	2
36		BJ McLeod	F	77-a	0
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Caution Flags: 13 for 64 laps. Lead Changes: 27 among 12 drivers. Lap Leaders: C.Elliott 0: R.Chastain 1: C.Elliott 2; R.Chastain 3-21; D.Hamlin 22-23; R.Blaney 24; C.Elliott 25-50; R.Blanev 51: C.Elliott 52-63: T.Reddick 64-69; M.Truex 70-86; C.Elliott 87-94; H.Burton 95-98; R.Stenhouse 99-100; H.Burton 101-105: W.Bvron 106-146: T.Reddick 147-153; C.Elliott 154-162; A.Cindric 163-169; E.Jones 170-179; R.Chastain 180-191: C.Laioie 192-201: C.Elliott 202; C.Lajoie 203-204; C.Elliott 205-241; M.Truex 242-251; C.Lajoie 252-258: C.Elliott 259-260

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Novak Djokovic claimed his 21st career Grand Slam singles title Sunday at Wimbledon, putting the 35-year-old Serb one behind men's record-holder Rafael Nadal. ALASTAIR GRANT/AP

TENNIS ANALYSIS

Djokovic's pursuit of Nadal on pause?

As it stands now, unvaccinated Serb can't play in US Open

By Howard Fendrich Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Fresh off a seventh Wimbledon championship, which gave him his 21st Grand Slam title — one ahead of Roger Federer, one behind Rafael Nadal – Novak Djokovic is headed off to vacation. What's unclear is exactly how long a break he will take.

And when he will be able to resume his pursuit of the major trophies he figures, correctly, that fans, and history, value the

The next Slam tournament is the U.S. Open, and as of now, Djokovic can't participate because he is not inoculated against

"I would really," he said, "love to go there." As an unvaccinated foreigner, though, he can't enter the United States. He tried to get around coronavirus-related rules at the Australian Open in January via a tournament-backed exemption, ended up in court and in detention, and eventually had his visa revoked and was deported from that country - which all could hamper efforts to return there in 2023.

So it's truly hard to know what's next for Djokovic. It's certainly an unusual sort of

This is all up to him, of course, and he has steadfastly insisted – and insisted again Sunday after beating Nick Kyrgios 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3) on Sunday at the All England Club - "I'm not planning to get vaccinated."

There's no doubt that he already has accomplished more than enough to burnish his resume, reputation and standing in the pantheon of tennis. That's why, for example, the 35-year-old Serb isn't too fussed about no longer being No. 1 (he already broke Federer's record for the most weeks atop the ATP) or about sliding to No. 7 in Monday's rankings despite a fourth triumph in a row at the All England Club.

These are unusual times, to say the least, and as of this week, Djokovic loses the 2,000 points he accrued for winning the 2021 title at Wimbledon, while simultaneously gaining zero points for winning the 2022 title, a result of the WTA and ATP tours withholding all ranking points in response to the tournament's ban on athletes from Russia and Belarus over the war in Ukraine.

So No. 1-ranked Daniil Medvedev, the Russian who beat Djokovic in last year's U.S.

Open final to end his bid for the first calendar-year Slam by a man since 1969, wasn't allowed to be at the All England Club.

And now it seems Djokovic will not be allowed to be at Flushing Meadows, where play begins Aug. 29.

Federer, who hasn't played in a year and slid out of the rankings entirely Monday, won't be at the U.S. Open. Nadal's status is uncertain after he pulled out of Wimbledon with a torn abdominal muscle.

The saga in Melbourne six months ago took a toll on Djokovic. He said so. As did his coach, Goran Ivanisevic.

"This was a huge thing, what happened to him," Ivanisevic said. "We all expected (to hear) from him after a couple of weeks: 'OK, forget about Australia. Let's go back and practice.' "

That's not how it went. Instead, Ivanisevic recalled, "It took a long time."

Djokovic said the whole episode "affected me, definitely, in the first several months of the year. I was not feeling great, generally. I mean, mentally, emotionally, I was not at a good place."

Did Ivanisevic, who won Wimbledon in 2001, worry about lingering effects on Djokovic's ability to be at his best, to win the biggest events?

"No. People like him, you don't doubt," Ivanisevic said. "He's a great champion."

After eventually putting Australia behind him, Djokovic also needed to set aside a French Open guarterfinal loss to Nadal. If Djokovic's play wasn't perfect throughout Wimbledon, his fortitude was, with comeback wins in each of his last three matches.

"He's so composed," Kyrgios said. "You can't seem to rattle him."

Diokovic is the second-oldest man to claim a singles championship at Wimbledon in the professional era, which dates to 1968. He's now got nine major titles since turning 30, one more than Nadal for the most in that span.

After a career spent chasing Federer in the Slam standings, Djokovic now has surpassed him.

He would like to surpass Nadal, too, something that might take longer if Djokovic won't make himself eligible for every major event.

Not that he sounds anything at all like someone thinking about retiring.

"I don't feel I'm in a rush ... to end my career in a year's time or two years' time or whatever it is. Just, I'm not thinking about it," Djokovic said. "I want to keep my body healthy 'cause that's obviously necessary in order to keep going at this level."

IN BRIEF

DOJ looking at PGA Tour's actions

News services

The dispute between the PGA Tour and the Saudi-funded LIV Golf series now has the attention of the U.S. Department of Justice, according to the Wall Street Journal, and the PGA Tour said Monday it was confident it would prevail.

The Journal said players' agents have received inquiries from the Justice Department's antitrust division that involve PGA Tour regulations on competing events and the tour suspending players in recent months for playing in LIV Golf events.

The new series is backed by Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund and already has attracted nearly two dozen PGA Tour members, a list that includes Phil Mickelson, Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka and Bryson DeChambeau. All reportedly have received signing fees of \$150 million or

At issue is the PGA Tour's policy that members receive a conflicting event release to play tournaments overseas when a tour event is being held that week. Players typically get three such releases a year, only for overseas events. The tour doesn't allow releases for tournaments held in North

It denied releases for the first LIV Golf event, which was held outside London the first week in June, because it viewed it as a series of tournaments that threatened the PGA Tour.

PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan suspended players who competed in the first LIV event and the most recent one outside Portland, Oregon.

Football: Gary Moeller, who succeeded Bo Schembechler as Michigan's football coach in 1990 and led the Wolverines to three Big Ten titles in five seasons, died at the age of 81. No cause of death was given. Moeller later served an an NFL assistant and was the Lions interim head coach for seven games in 2000. ... Former Cowboys and Bears RB Marion Barber III died of heat stroke, the Collin County (Texas) medical examiner determined. Frisco police made a welfare check June 1 and found the 38-yearold Barber dead at an apartment that he was believed to have been leasing.

NBA: The NBA board of governors is expected Tuesday to approve the play-in tournament as a regular part of future league seasons, ESPN reported.

Olympics: Former Olympic volleyball player Kim Glass, a silver medalist at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, was attacked Friday in downtown Los Angeles when a man threw a metal object at her face in an assault that fractured multiple bones in her face and left one of her eyes swollen shut. Bystanders restrained the man — identified by police as Semeon Tesfamariam, 51 — until officers arrived to take him into custody.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Avs elevate Sakic to team president



The Stanley Cup champion Avalanche promoted Joe Sakic to the role of president of hockey operations. Sakic, who turned 53 last week, was the architect behind a team that captured its first title since 2001. The Hall of Fame forward-turned-front office executive was recently honored as the general

manager of the year. The team also announced Monday that assistant GM Chris MacFarland will now serve as the GM. The Avalanche capped their most successful regular season by dethroning the two-time defending champion Lightning in the Cup final. The Avs closed out the series in six games and finished the postseason with a 16-4 mark. It was another title for Sakic, who was the captain of the Avalanche when they hoisted the Stanley Cup in 1996 and 2001. He became the first in NHL history to win as a captain and GM with the same organization. Sakic retired from the Avalanche as a player in July 2009. He was hired as an executive advisor/alternate governor by the team in March 2011. This was his ninth season as the team's executive vice president/GM.

Rice joins Broncos ownership group



Former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was added to the new Broncos ownership group. Rob Walton announced the inclusion of Rice in a statement issued Monday on behalf of the Walton-Penner family ownership group. The group agreed to buy

the franchise from the Pat Bowlen Trust last month for a reported \$4.65 billion. It's pending approval by the NFL. "... Secretary Rice is well known as a passionate and knowledgeable football fan who has worked to make the sport stronger and better," Walton said in a statement. "Her unique experience and extraordinary judgment will be a great benefit to our group and the Broncos organization." Rice received her undergraduate degree and Ph.D. from the University of Denver. The former provost at Stanford, Rice served as Secretary of State under President George W. Bush from 2005-09. She's also been on the College Football Playoff selection committee and chaired a commission on college basketball. The ownership group is led by Walton and includes his daughter, Carrie Walton Penner, and her husband, Greg Penner.

DC United to hire Rooney as coach



Wayne Rooney agreed to coach D.C. United in Major League Soccer, The Washington Post reported Sunday night. The longtime English soccer star played for the MLS club in 2018 and 2019. Once visa paperwork is complete, Rooney is set to replace interim coach Chad Ashton, who replaced Hernan

Losada earlier this season. D.C. United is tied with Chicago Fire FC for the fewest points in the 28-team league with a record of 5-10-2. United lost 7-0 on Friday night at the Philadelphia Union, matching the MLS record for largest margin of defeat. Rooney, 36, starred for Manchester in the English Premier League from 2004-17 and is the leading goal-scorer in the history of the English national team. In September, the English Football League docked Derby 12 points for entering administration. The Rams were later deducted an additional nine points for breaching EFL accounting rules. While Rooney was lauded for keeping Derby competitive, the penalties proved too great, and the Rams were relegated. He resigned as manager last month after 18 months in charge. -News services

Avalanche center Nazem Kadri will be one of the top targets when NHL free agency opens Wednesday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY

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Cup hopefuls look to add final pieces of title puzzle

By Stephen Whyno **Associated Press**

The top players expected to be available in NHL free agency include an MVP candidate who might have the chance to go home and a veteran who flipped his old playoff script to become a Stanley Cup champion.

Each had a career year at the perfect

Flames winger Johnny Gaudreau and Avalanche center Nazem Kadri could be the richest beneficiaries in free agency when it opens Wednesday. Seven-year contracts worth up to, if not more than, \$10 million a year are possible.

That is, unless Gaudreau sticks with the Flames. "Johnny Hockey" can sign for eight years up until midnight EDT Tuesday night.

One thing Gaudreau could consider is the lure of playing for the Flyers team he rooted for while growing up in Carney's Point, New Jersey. They'd need to clear significant cap space to make room for Gaudreau, who had a career-best 40 goals, 75 assists and 115 points last season in leading the Flames to the Pacific Division title and into the second round of the playoffs.

Gaudreau, who turns 29 in August, finished fourth in voting for the Hart Trophy as the league's MVP.

Kadri was one of the Avalanche's most valuable performers on the way to lifting the Cup for the third time in franchise history.

Acquired three years ago after

back-to-back playoff suspensions, he rebounded from another lengthy ban in the 2021 postseason to put up 87 points in the regular season and 15 more in 16 games of the Cup run.

But the soon-to-be 32-year-old might be one of the odd men out, seeing as the Avalanche signed winger Valeri Nichushkin to an eight-year, \$49.1 million extension Monday and winger Andre Burakovsky and defensemen Josh Manson and Jack Johnson are still set to be unrestricted free agents.

Here are some other interesting players who could test the market:

Darcy Kuemper

The Avs' Cup-winning goaltender won't be back after a trade with the Rangers to make Alexandar Georgiev the starter moving forward. Kuemper was solid, not spectacular, in backstopping the Avalanche to the title, though that stability could be what another

high-scoring contender needs. The 32-year-old could be a perfect fit for the Maple Leafs, another team looking to get over the hump.

Jack Campbell

The Leafs' most recent goalie could return or see what else is out there for a 30-year-old who has shown he can carry the load in the regular season and succeed in the playoffs.

Campbell in the 2021 first round put up a 1.81 GAA and .934 save percentage, which wasn't enough to help the Leafs advance but would be with the right amount of scoring. Connor McDavid, Leon Draisaitl and the Oilers would be able to provide that.

Evgeni Malkin

The Robin to Sidney Crosby's Batman for 16 years is a superstar in his own right. The big question now is whether Malkin will, at 36 years old, stay with the Penguins or bolt for a new opportunity.

With Malkin reportedly intent to hit the market, one of the league's other 31 teams may get a difference-maker who's still a point-a-game performer.

John Klingberg

In a free agent class deep up front and shallow on the blue line, Klingberg is by far the best defenseman available.

The Stars knew before the trade deadline it would be difficult, if not impossible, to re-sign Klingberg before free agency starts.

Claude Giroux

The longtime Flyers captain who joined the Panthers at the deadline helped them reach the second round of the playoffs, but the Presidents' Trophy winners were then swept in the second round by the Lightning. Giroux hand-picked the Panthers because of the no-movement clause in his contract, and he could return even if nothing is signed before Wednesday.

Another option is going close to home and joining the Senators, who are moving from rebuilding into the early stages of contending and showed that by acquiring high-scoring winger Alex DeBrincat from the Blackhawks. Giroux is from nearby Hearst, Ontario, and would be just the kind of veteran the Sens young core needs.

Old Course's charm, challenge carry on

By Doug Ferguson | Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Jack Nicklaus posed atop the Swilcan Bridge, birdied the last hole he ever played in a major championship and had no intention of ever returning to St. Andrews, not wanting anything to dilute from such a powerful ending to an incomparable career.

That was 17 years ago. And those plans changed when St. Andrews wanted to make Nicklaus an honorary citizen on occasion of the 150th British Open.

The only other Americans given that distinction were Bobby Jones and Benjamin Franklin.

It was the first time Nicklaus has been to the Old Course without golf clubs, and his appreciation only seemed to deepen.

"When I came here in 1964, I couldn't believe that St Andrews was a golf course that would still test golfers of that time," he said Monday. "It still tests the golfers at this time. It's a magical golf course. ... And to believe the game of golf essentially started here, it just absolutely is mind-bog-gling to me that it still stands up to the golfers of today."

That's still to be determined. The Old Course always feels a little older when it's crusty and firm, yellow and wispy, when the quality of a shot isn't measured until it hits the ground and starts bouncing along.

Tiger Woods and Jack

Nicklaus have two British

St. Andrews. Nicklaus, right,

Open victories apiece at

believes the Old Course

a major championship.

PAUL ELLIS/GETTY-AFP

still offers a test worthy of

But without much wind in the forecast, and with the increasing talent of today's game, few courses are more vulnerable to low scoring. The par is 72 with only two par 5s, one on each nine. But there are a few par 4s reachable from the tee without strong wind.

U.S. Open champion Matt Fitzpatrick was a junior tournament winner at St. Andrews. Most recently his experience has been at the Dunhill Links Championship on the European tour in early October when the sky is gray and heavy and the turf is soft and green.

With it being firm and par 4s more gettable, it could be a low one as well, weather permitting," Fitzpatrick said.

Tiger Woods was back on the Old Course on Monday morning for nine holes, keeping up with an unusually busy schedule given the state of his battered right leg. He walked the course with a wedge and putter Saturday into night and played 18 holes Sunday. Woods also had the "Celebration of Champions," a four-hole loop with other R&A champions through the years.

He's a two-time champion at St. Andrews, aware this might be the last time the 46-year-old plays an Open at the home of golf, at least at a high level. He first played in 1995 as an amateur.

So many others are getting to the course. That includes Collin Morikawa, who won in his first test of true links last year at Royal St. George's.

"Most courses by the second time I see it, I feel like I have a good grasp," Morikawa said. "This course takes a little extra learning and memorization because there are so many blind shots and you're aiming at so many towers, it just kind of meshes into one. There are so many greens that are double greens and big greens that you forget the little slopes, but that's what you can't do."

There are seven double greens. The 18th hole is a par 4 that players can reach off the tee. The 17th hole requires a tee shot over the corner of a hotel and has a road behind it.

It's been that way forever, or seems that way. Morikawa was mystified by the 351-yard 12th hole, short but deceptive because of four bunkers hidden from the tee. "I have no idea what to do," Morikawa said. "... I could tell you 15 different ways to play it, and all could be wrong."

The Old Course isn't the only thing new to Morikawa. He had his first experience of Open ceremony when he returned the silver claret jug to the R&A. It wasn't anything he found particularly enjoyable. Champions get a replica. They have to give back the real thing.

'I woke up this morning and looked at it. The replica is beautiful, but it's not the same," Morikawa said. "But I don't want to dwell on the past. I always look forward to what's next. Hopefully, just giving it back kind of frees me up and allows me just to focus on winning this week."

What kind of score will that take? It depends on the weather, another links tradition. It's why John Daly would win in a playoff at St. Andrews after finishing at 6-under par, and why Woods could win the next time at 18-under.

Nicklaus devotes most of his time to golf course design, and he has been railing against technology, particularly the golf ball, for allowing the game to get out of hand.

He still believes the Old Course can hold its own. And if there is a record score this week?

"So what?" Nicklaus said. "They're shooting low now compared to what they shot 100 years ago. But times change and golfers get better, equipment gets better.

"But I don't think it really makes a whole lot of difference, frankly. It's St Andrews ... and it will produce a good champion. It always has."



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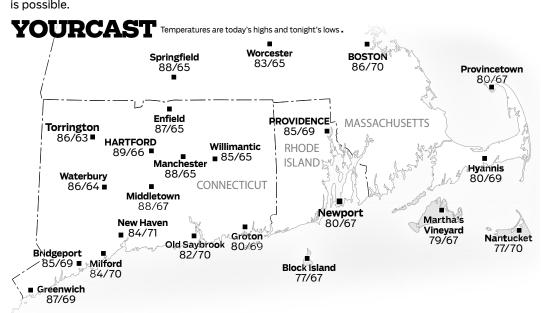
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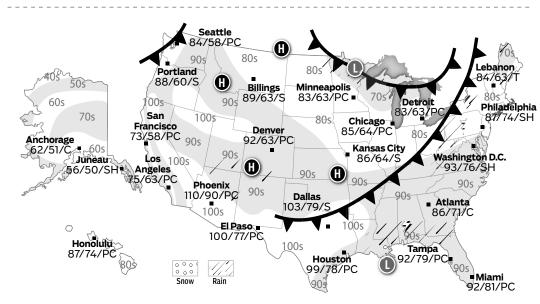
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OUTLOOK

SATURDAY

High pressure will bring mostly sunny skies Tuesday morning, then a cold front crossing the eastern Great Lakes in the afternoon will cause some clouds and the chance for a few showers and perhaps a couple thunderstorms. If the thunderstorms do develop, they could contain gusty winds and small hail. It will be a breezy and humid day with dew points in the 60s and south winds at 10 to 15 mph. Temperatures should be mainly in the 80s, but some readings in the lower 90s are possible. Partial clearing overnight, then high pressure will bring a mostly sunny sky on Wednesday. -Garv Lessor

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Air Quality Forecast For Today

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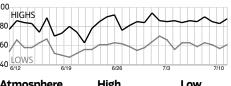
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30-day Temperature History



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Tiger Woods, from left, Rory McIlroy, Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino and Georgia Hall pose for a photo on the Swilken bridge during a champions round Monday as preparations continue for the British Open golf championship on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland. PETER MORRISON/AP

Open from Page 1

NEW ENGLAND

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Caribou

Concord

Portland

Montpelier

Woods Hole

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help but join up with the last group at the end — Woods, Trevino, McIlroy and Georgia Hall, an R&A ambassador and winner of the Women's British Amateur and Women's British Open.

Trevino was holding court because that's what Trevino does.

"Let me show you Jack putting," he said, and then he went through the motions, staring intently at the imaginary line, crouching over the ball and giving it a whack.

"Greatest putter ever," Trevino said. "You left something out," Nicklaus said, and then he raised his left arm, his signature move when he holed the most important putts. He did that on the 17th green when he won the 1986 Masters at age 46 and on the 18th in St. Andrews in 2005 when his final putt in the last of his 166 majors was a birdie.

Trevino then moved on to the wedge, never a strength of Nicklaus because the Golden Bear rarely missed the green. Trevino purposely chunked the wedge into the turf, which made him nervous when he realized he took a fat divot out of the 18th tee. He forgot where they were.

Woods turned around howling with laughter.

"This was Jack on the ninth at Merion," Trevino said, referring to their playoff for the U.S. Open in 1971 that Trevino won. Nicklaus playfully protested, only for Trevino to say, You laid the sod over the ball!"

"These guys weren't even born then," Nicklaus said.

"I know. That's why I'm telling them," Trevino said, and there were smiles all round.

Only at St. Andrews.

The celebration of champions is a treat, held only at the home of golf and not even every year. It was first done in 2000 for the millennial. It was repeated in 2010 for the 150-year anniversary of the Open, except that nasty weather canceled the occasion. So they finished it off in 2015. Woods played that year with Tom Weiskopf, Mark O'Meara and Nick Price.

McIlroy famously missed that year after injuring a knee while playing soccer.

He wouldn't have missed this one for the world.

"It's unbelievable," McIlroy said. "Playing St. Andrews, past champion, playing with my hero. If you had told 10-year-old Rory you'd be part of something like this, I wouldn't have believed you. It was really, really cool. Really special."

With so much star power, the question had to be asked: Which was the hero?

McIlroy laughed. Given his age (33), it was Woods, and always has been. After a charity pro-am a week ago in the west of Ireland, Woods and McIlroy played an unannounced practice round at Ballybunion, a huge treat for the storied Irish club.

"And Jack has become close to me as well, just from living at the Bear's Club, practicing there," McIlrov said. "For me not getting to do this in 2015, it's nice to be able to part of it."

This was different from the other two. The R&A invited its champions, and not all of them had won the silver claret jug.

There were 25 former British Open champions that spanned Gary Player (1959) to Collin Morikawa (2021). It included Hall, Laura Davies and defending Women's British Open champion Anna Nordqvist, amateur winners from the championship the R&A helps organize, such as Keita Nakajima (Asia-Pacific Amateur), the No. 1 player in amateur golf.

Also included were three players from the disabled golf competitions, such as Kipp Popert, who has cerebral palsy and last month became the first golfer with a disability to play in the British Amateur at Royal Lytham & St. Annes.

The 150th Open starts Thursday. This wasn't a bad warmup act.

LOCALBASEBALL AMERICAN LEGION

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS

BRISTOL 10. MERIDEN 7 (GAME 1. 9) win in relief, allowing 1hit over 4shutout innings Adam Caron was 2-for-3 with a double, RBI, 3runs scored and Ryan Fradette had a home run, 2RBI **BRISTOL 7, MERIDEN 2 (GAME 20**

Note: Matt Beaucarallowed 2runs on 5hits with 8strikeouts, 3walks in a complete game effort. Jaydon Churchill was 3-for-3with 2doubles, an RBI, 2runs scored and Ryan Fradette was 2-forwith 4RBI. Max Giacco was 1-for-3with an RBI and Bruce Candeloka had a

MIDDLETOWN 4. EHM 0

MONDAY'S RESULTS

MADISON 10, NEW HAVEN 0

RCP POST 5, TRI-COUNTY 0 ELLINGTON AT NORTHEAST. LATE WINDSOR LOCKS/WINDSOR AT SOUTH WINDSOR, LATE MIDDLETOWN AT EHM, LATE

WATERFORD AT WILLIMANTIC, LATE

TUESDAY'S

SCHEDULE Zone 1: West Hartford at Bristol, 5:30 p.m.; Torrington at Meriden, 6:30p.m. Zone **2:** Madison at Branford, 5:45p.m. Zone 3: Middletown at Tri-County, 7

p.m. Zone **6:** Willimantic at Tri-Town, 5:30

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE **MONDAY'S RESULTS**

AFTERSHOCK AT DODGERS, LATE ANGELS AT ROCKIES, LATE PATRIOTS VS. ANGELS, LATE

THURSDAY'S **SCHEDULE**

Rock Cats at Rockies, 6p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULT ORIOLES 4, PHILLIES 3

MONDAY'S RESULTS CARDINALS AT JETS (2), LATE EXPOS AT GREENERS, LATE

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

People's at Expos, 6:30p..m.

PETE KOKINIS BASEBALL LEAGUE **SUNDAY'S LATE** RESULT

SOUTHINGTON HITMEN 10.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

COPPERHEADS-TORRINGTON AT NOR'EASTERS-NEWINGTON, LATE STAFFORD ROYALS AT AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN, LATE

CT BULLDOGS-WETHERSFIELD AT FARMINGTON, LATE NEWINGTON RAIDERS AT AHERN

WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN, LATE

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

19u: Rocky Hill at Plainville Devils, 5:45 p.m..; Copperheads-Torrington at Farmington, 6:30p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE Standings Northeast L PCT 31 .617 32 .605 41 .494 Portland 41 .494 45 .444 45 .444 50 .383 **L PCT** 34 .575 36 .550 37 .543 40 .506 47 .420 36 36 31 New Hampshire Reading Binghamton Southwest Erie Akron 2.5 5.5 12.5 Richmond Altoona Bowie

47 .420

TUESDAY'S **SCHEDULE**

Harrisburg

Somerset at Portland, 6p.m. Richmond at Altoona, 6p.m. Binghamton at Erie, 6p.m. Akron at Bowie, 6:30p.m. Harrisburg at Hartford, 7p.m. New Hampshire at Reading, 7p.m.

WNBA STANDINGS				
Standings				
Eastern	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	16	6	.727	_
Connecticut	14	8	.636	2
Washington	14	10	.583	3
Atlanta	10	12	.455	6
New York	9	13	.409	7
Indiana	5	19	.208	12
Western	W	L	PCT	GB
Las Vegas	15	7	.682	_
Seattle	15	8	.652	0.5
Los Angeles	10	12	.455	5
Dallas	10	12	.455	5
Phoenix	10	14	.417	6
Minnesota	8	15	.348	7.5

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Dallas at Seattle, 3p.m. Las Vegas at New York, 7p.m. Atlanta at Chicago, 8p.m. Phoenix at Minnesota, 8p.m. Washington at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

